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Elizabethæ.

At the Parliament

by prorogation holden at Westminster, the last day of September, in the eyght yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defendour of the faith, &c. and there continued to the end and dissolution of the same: To the hygh pleasure of almyghtie God,
and the weale publique of this Realme, amongst other were enacted as foloweth.

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C An Acte declaring the manner of making and consecrating of the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, to be good, lawfull, and perfect.

¶ The first Chapter.



*O*raasmuche as diuers questions by ouer much boldnes of speach and talke, amonges many of the common sort of people, beyng vnlearned, hath lately growen vppon the making and consecratyng of Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme, whether the same were & be duely and orderly done, according to the lawe or not, whiche is much tendyng to the slaunder of all the state of Cleargie, beyng one of the greatestt states of this Realme. Therefore, for the auoydng of suche slaunderous speache, and to the intent that euery man that is willing to knowe the trueth, may playnely vnderstande that the same euyl speache and talke is not grounde vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche aucthorities, as doth allowe and approue the making and consecratyng of the same Archbishops and Bishops to be duely and orderly done, according to the lawes of this Realme, and therevpon further to prouide for the more suretie thereof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

FIRST, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late kyng of mosse famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght, aswell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their seuerall conuocations, as also by all the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was iustly and ryghtfully recognized and knowledged to haue the supreme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and aucthoritie, ouer all the state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction, and aucthoritie did vse accordingly: And that also the said late king, in the. xrb. yere of his raigne, dyd by aucthoritie of Parliament, amonges other thynges, set forth a certayne order of the maner and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme,

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and other his dominions, shoulde be elected and made, as by the same more plainly appeareth: And that also the late kyng of worthy memorie, king Edward the first, did lawfully succeade the sayd late king Henry his father, in the imperial crowne of this Realme, and dyd iustly possesse and enjoy all the same power, iurisdiction, and aucthoritie before mentioned, as a thing to him descended with the same imperiall Crowne, and so used the same, during his lyfe: And that also the sayde late kyng Edward the first, in his tyme, by aucthoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rites and ceremonies in the Church of Englande, to be made and set forth, not only for one uniforme order of service, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be used within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also, did adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme how Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde from time to time, be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainly wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, as well the sayd Acte and statute made in the. xrb. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henrie the eighth, as also the several Actes and statutes made in the second, thirde, fourth, fifth, and sixth yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edward, for the aucthorising and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and statutes, touching the sayde supreme aucthoritie, were repelled: Yet neuerthelesse, at the Parliament holden at westminster, in the first yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, by one other Act and statute there made, all suche iurisdiccions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or aucthoritie, hath heretofore ben, or may lawfully be used ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the aucthoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres & successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and aucthoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and aucthorise such person or persons, as he or they shall thinke meete and convenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdiccions, priuileges, preheminences, and aucthorities, in any wyse touching or concerning any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her hygh-
nesse dominions or Countreys. And also by the same Acte and
statute, the sayde Acte made in the. xxv. yere of the raigne of the
sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, for the order and fourme of the
electing and makynge of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops, toge-
ther with dyuers other statutes, touching the iurisdiction ouer the
state ecclesiasticall, is reuiued, and made in full force and effect, as
by the same Acte and statute, more playnely appeareth. And that
also by another Acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, in
the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, entitu-
led: An Acte for the vniiformitie of Common prayer, and seruice in
the Church, and administration of Sacramentes, the sayde booke
of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and
other the sayde orders, rites, and ceremonies before mentioned,
and all thynges therein contayned, with certayne additions there-
in newly added and appoynted by the sayde statute, is fully stabli-
shed and auctorised, to be vsed in all places within this Realme,
and all other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys,
as by the same Acte, amonges other thynges, more playnely appea-
reth. Whereupon, our sayde Soueraigne Lady, the Queenes moste
excellent Maiestie, beyng most iustly and lawfully inuested in the
imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all auctorities, prehemi-
nences and dignities thereunto appertaynyng: And thereby ha-
uyng in her Maiesties order and disposition, all the sayde iurisdic-
tions, power, and auctorities, ouer the state ecclesiasticall and
temporall, as well in causes ecclesiasticall, as temporall, within this
Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, hath
by her supreme auctorities, at dyuers tymes, sythens the begyn-
nyng of her Maiesties raigne, caused dyuers and sundry graue and
well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and consecrated Arch-
bishops and Bishops, of dyuers Archbishopsricks and Bishopsricks
within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and
Countreys, accordyng to suche order and fourme, and with suche
ceremonies, in and about their consecrations, as were allowed
and set forth by the sayde Actes, statutes, and orders annexed to
the sayd booke of Common prayer before mentioned, And further,
for the auoydyng of all ambiguities and questions that myght
be objected agaynst the lawfull confirmations, inuestyng, and con-
secrations of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops, her hyghnesse in
her letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englands, directed
to any Archbishop, Bishop, or others, for the confirming, inuestyng,
and consecratyng of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of
any Archbishop or Bishop, hath not onely vsed suche wordes and
sentences as were accustomed to be vsed by the sayde late kyng

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Henry, and kyng Edward, her Maiesties father and brother, in their like letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, dyuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnesse by her supreme power and aucthoritie, hath dispenced with all causes, or doubtles, of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyle be objected against the same, as by her Maiesties sayd letters patentes, remaynyng of recorde, more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consider of the effect and true entent of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreme & absolute aucthoritie of the Queenes hyghnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, hath vsed and put in vze, in and about the makynge and consecratyng of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunt, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubt, can or maye iustly be objected agaynst the sayde elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or any other materiall thing, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that euery thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath ben made and done, as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was done before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maiesties sayde father and brothers tyme, and also of her owne tyme, wyll more paynely testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of al the premisles, and to the entent that the same may the better be knowen, to euery of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby suche euyl speache, as heretofore hath ben vsed, against the sayde hygh state of prelacie, may hereafter cease: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd Acte and statute, made in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the sayd booke of Common prayer, and the administration of sacramentes, with other rites & ceremonies, is aucthorised and allowed to be vsed, shal stande and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and forme for the consecratyng of Archbishops and Bishops, and for the makynge of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set forth in the tyme of the seide late kyng Edward the first, and added to the sayd booke of Common prayer, and aucthorised by Parliament, in the fifth and sixth yere of the sayde late kyng, shal stande, and be in full force and effect, and shal from hencefoorth be vsed and observed in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys. And that all Actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuestyng of any person

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son or persons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyschop or Byschop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes Maiesties letters patentes or Commission, sythens the beginning of her Maiesties raigne, be and shalbe by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at and from euery of the seuerall times of the doyng therof, good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: Any matter or thyng that can or may be objected to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding. And that all persons that haue ben or shalbe made, ordered, or consecrate Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Ministers of Gods holy worde and sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order prescribed in the sayd order and fourme howe Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde be consecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and also by aucthoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and shalbe Archbyschops, Byschops, Priestes, Ministers and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and consecrated: Any statute, lawe, canon, or other thyng to the contrary, notwithstanding.

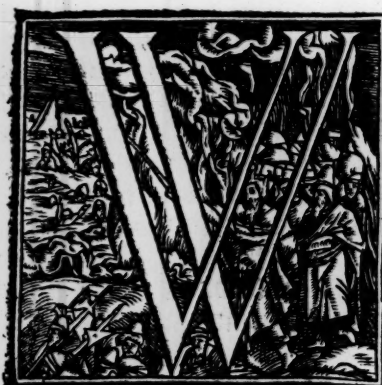
Provided alwayes, and neuerthelesse be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons shall at any tyme hereafter, be impeched or molested, in body, landes, luynges, or goodes, by occasion or meane of any certificat by any Archbyschop or Byschop heretofore made, or before the last day of this present session of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte, made in the first session of this present Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refusal of the othe, declared and set forth by Acte of Parliament, in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth: Any thing in this Acte, or any other Acte or statute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that all tenders of the sayde othe, made by any Archbyschop or Byschop aforesayd, or before the last day of this present session, to be made by aucthoritie of any Acte, established in the first session of this present Parliament, and all refusalles of the same othe so tendred, or before the last day of this present session, to be tendred by any Archbyschop or Byschop, by aucthoritie of any Acte, established in the first session of this present Parliament: shalbe voyde, and of none effect or validitie in the lawe,

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¶ An Acte whereby the defendaunt may
reconer his costes, beyng wrong-
fully vexed.

¶ The .ij. Chapter.



Here diuers persons of their
malicious mindes, and without any
iust cause, do many tymes cause and
procure others of the Queenes Ma-
iesties louyng subiectes, to be very
muche molested and troubled, by at-
tachementes and arrestes, made of
their bodyes, aswell by processe of
Latitat alias, and Plures capias, sued
out of the court, commonly called the
kynge's bench, as also by playnte,
bill, or other suite, in the court com-
monly called the Marshalsey, and within the Citie of London, and
other Cities, Townes corporate, and places where any libertie or
priuilege is to holde pleas of debt, trespass, and other personall ac-
tions and suites: And when the parties that be arrested or at-
tached, are brought forth to aunswere to suche actions and suites,
as shoulde be objected agaynst them, then many tymes there is no
declaration or matter layde agaynst the parties so arrested or at-
tached, whereunto they may make any aunswere: And so the partie
arrested, is very maliciously put to great charges & expences, with-
out any iust or reasonable cause. And yet neuerthelesse, hitherto, by
order of the lawe, the partie so greued and vexed, could neuer haue
any costes or damages, to hym to be iudged or awarded for the sayd
vniust vexation and trouble.

FOR remedie wherof, be it enacted and ordayned by the auctho-
ritie of this present Parliament, that when, & as often as any per-
son or persons, after the first day of January next comming, shal sue
forth, or by any meane, cause or procure to be sued forth of the said
court, commonly called the kynge's bench, any of the writs or pro-
cesse before mentioned, agaynst any person or persons, whiche vpon
the same writ or writs, shal happen to be arrested, or which shal ap-
peare vpon the returne of any the said writtes or processe, & shal put
in his or their baile or bailes, to aunswere such suite, as shalbe obiec-
ted agaynst him, according to the common order of the court: that then
in euery such case, if the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or
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procurement, the same writ, writtes, or procelle was obtayned or sued forth, do not within three dayes next after suche bayle had and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration agaynst the same partie or parties, agaynst whom suche writtes or procelle hath ben or shalbe sued, or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintife in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shal willingly and apparauntly to the same court, suffer his or their sayde suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration so had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or other wise, shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery such case, the Judges of the said court for the time being, shal by their discretions, from time to time, as they shall see or perceauie any suche default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement, such writs or procelle was sued forth, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons, so arrested, bered, molested, or troubled by such writtes, or suite, his and their costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such writs, procelle, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such writtes or procelle to be sued forth, as is aforesayde.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, shall after the sayde first day of Januarie, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to answer to any bill, plainte, action, or suite, in the sayde court of the Marshalsey, or in any court within the sayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuilege is bled to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauyng their continuance, De die in diem, within three dayes next after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendantes shalbe bayled, or otherwyle appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachment had and returned, and in all other courtes at the next session or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachments, and apperaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendantes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendantes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further day shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the court, from whence any precept, procelle, or attachment, shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his bill, or declaration, agaynst suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes, shalbe attached or arrested into suche court, where the partie by suche attachment or arrest, is compelled, or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any suche attachment or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had and made, after his declaration, bill,

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bill, or playnte exhibited, do not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shal suffer the same to be discontinued, or shal after be nonsuite in the same, or willingly and apparauntly to the same court, shal for veration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: That then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche court, before whom any person or persons shal so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of any suche attachment or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shal forthwith by his or their discretion, from time to time, as he or they shal see or perceauie any suche default or delay, in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachment or arrest to be had, awarde and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde first day of Januarie, shal so be attached, arrested, molested, bered, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachment, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shal cause or procure any such attachment or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde first day of Januarie, shal by any waye or meane, maliciouslye, or for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to answer in any the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no such person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of such person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachment is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person and persons, that so shal cause or procure any suche arrest or attachment of any other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shal thereof be convicted, or lawfully accused, by indictement, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses, or mo, or other due prose, shal for euery such offence by him or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprisonment of his or their body or bodyes, by the space of sixe monethes, without bayle or maynprise: And before he or they shalbe deliuered out of pryson, shal pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachment so had, and shal also forsaite and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shal so procure suche arrest or attachment to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of ten poundes for euery suche offence.

And

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons to whom any costes, charges, damages, forsay-
ture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by auctho-
ritie of this Act shalbe awarded, iudged, or forsayted: shall and maye
at all tymes hereafter, haue his or their remedye for the recouery
therof, by action of debt, byll or playnt, in any court of Recorde, a-
gaynst such person or persons, their heires, executors, or admini-
stratours, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of
this Act, in which action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or
wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed to any the defendaunt, or
defendauntes in the same.

¶ An Act agaynst carrying ouer sea, Rammes,
Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.

¶ The. iij. Chapter.



OR fundry good causes and confide-
rations moued in this high court of
Parliament, be it enacted by the
auctoritie of the same, that no ma-
ner of person or persons, of what
estate, degree, or condition soeuer he
or they be, shall after the last day of
february, next ensuyng, bryng, de-
lyuer, sende, receaue, or take, or pro-
cure to be brought, delyuered, sent,
or receaued, into any Shippe or Bo-
thome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or

Lambes, or any maner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to
be carped and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, wales, or
Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes hyghnes dominions, vpon
the payne that euery such person and persons, their ayders, abbet-
tours, procurers, and comforters, shall for his or their first offence
or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute,
forsayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie
shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the
other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same in any court
of Recorde, wherin no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for
the defendaunt shall be admitted or allowed. And further,
euery suche offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the
space of one whole yere, without bayle and maynpryse: and at the
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peres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his lefte hande cut of, and that to be nayled by, in the openest place of such market. And that euery person or persons esbloones offendyng agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Provided alwayes, that this Act shall not extend to any corruption of blood, or be prejudicial or hurtful to any woman, claymyng dowre by, or from any such offender or offenders: Any thyng in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile deliuerie, & Justices of Peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, accordyng to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

¶ An Act to take away the benefite of *Cleargie from certayne felonious offenders.*

¶ The. iiii. Chapter.



Here a certayne kynde of euyll disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurles, or pyckpurles, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very felons and theetes, do confeder together, making among them selues, as it were, a brotherhod or fraternitie of an art or misterie, to lyue idellye by the secrete spoyle of the good and true subiectes of this Realme. And as well at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of God, and in places and tyme of doying service and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not only there, but also in the Princes palace, house, pea and presence, and at the places and

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and courtes of iustice, and at the tymes of ministracion of the lawes in the same, and in faires, Markets, and other assemblies of people: Yea, and at the time of doyng of execution, of such as be n attained of any murder, felonye, or other criminall cause, ordeyned chiefly for terrour & example of euyl doers, do without respect or regard of any time, place, or person, or of any feare or dread of God, or any lawe or punishment, vnder the cloke of honestie, by their outward apparell, countenaunce, and behauour, subtiltie, priuillie, craftilie, and feloniously, take the goods of diuers good & honest subiectes, from their persons, by cutting & picking theyr purses, & other felonious slaights and deuyles, to the vtter vndoing and empouerishment of many.

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, whiche hereafter shall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the person of any other, priuylge without his knowledge, in any place whatsoever, and therupon founde gyltie by verdict of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or theyr arraignment, or wyl not aunswere directly to the same, according to the lawes of this Realme, or shall stande wylfully, or of malice, or obstinately muet, or challenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie, or shall be vpon suche inditement or appeale outlawed, shall from hencefoorth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or theyr cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer death, in suche maner and fourme, as they shoulde yf they were no Clearkes.

And where also as diuers persons done oft tymes commit and do diuers and sundry detestable murders, heynous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and after the same offences so done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the parties beyond the seas, or kepe themselves secrete in other places, where they are not knowen for a great tyme, and after happen to commit some other fellonie, for the which they may haue theyr Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the same, haue theyr Cleargie to them allowed, and therupon committed to the custodye of the ordinarie, accoꝝdyng to the lawe and custome of this Realme, the former offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable, being not then knowen, & so by that meanes can not after be impeached for the sayd other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & custome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, vsyng suche practises of foreknowledge & set purpose, for their discharge of the same.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person and persons, which shall hereafter vpon his and theyr arraignment for any fellonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to the

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the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, whereupon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other such offence wherbyon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not beyng thereof before indited, and acquitted, convicted, or attainted, or pardoned, shal and maye be indited or appealed for the same, and thereupon put to awnswere, and ordered, and bled in al things according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme, as though no such admission of Cleargie had ben: Any lawe, custome, or blage to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for thabridgement of appeales in *suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.*

¶ The. v. Chapter.



Or the auoyding aswell of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecutyng of Ciuile and Marine causes, by reason of diuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in suche causes, and to thintent that aswell strangers, as also others the subiects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as theyr natures and qualities do require:

Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from the last daye of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement and sentence diffinitive, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfully to be made therein, to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncery, by such Commissioners or delegates, as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath ben heretofore bled, in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the sayd iudgement or sentece diffinitive, or from the sayde Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any lawe, blage, or custome, to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

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☞ An Act touchyng Clothworkers, and
Clothes redy wrought, to be
shypped ouer the Sea.

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*Or the better employment and
reliefe of great multitudes of the
Queenes Maiesties subiectes, vsing
the arte and labour of clothworking,
it maye please the Queenes most ex-
cellent Maiestie, at the most humble
sute of her sayde subiectes, that it be
enacted.*

*And be it enacted by auctoritie of
this present Parliament, that from
hencefoorth for euery nyne Clothes
brought, hereafter to be shypped*

*or caried into any the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme
of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remayning in strength,
by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that shall
shyppe or carry ouer the same, shall shyppe and carry ouer also one
lyke wollen Cloth, of lyke sorte, length, breadth, and goodnes, redy
wrought and dresled, that is to saye, rowed, barbed, fyft coursed and
shorne from the one ende to the other, so that euery tenth Cloth
passyng ouer the seas, in fourme aforesayde, maye and shalbe dresled
within this Realme, before the same shalbe shypped or transported
ouer, hypon payne to forsaye for euery suche nyne Clothes so to be
shypped or transported, contrarie to the meanyng of this Acte,
tenne poundes.*

*Provyded alway, that euery suche tenth Cloth, so to be trans-
ported redye wrought, shall not be accompted any of the Clothes,
permitted to be transported by force of suche licence, but that suche
person as shall haue suche licence, maye transporte, accordyng to
suche licence, the full number of Clothes brought, mentioned in
the same licence, ouer and aboue the number of such tenth Clothes,
whiche they shall be compelled to shyppe and carrie ouer by force
of this statute.*

*And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that from
the last daye of februarye now next comyng, no person shall shyppe
or carry into the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme of
any statute heretofore made, nowe remaynyng in force, any Cloth,*

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commonly called Kentyſhe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolke, brynrought and bndreſſed within this Realme, that is to ſaye, not rowed, barbed, fiſt courſed, and thorne, byon payne to forſayte for euery ſuch Cloth, commonly called Kentyſhe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in eyther of the ſayde counties, ſo to be ſhypped or transported, contrary to the fourme of this ſtatute, fourtie ſhyllinges.

And that no licence for transporting of any cloth or clothes, ſhalbe conſtrued or expounded, to extende to any ſuche Kentyſhe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the ſayde counties, to be from hencefoorth transported. And that all the forſaytures appoynted by this ſtatute, for transporting of Clothes, ſhalbe, the one halfe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other moitie, to the Maiſter and wardens of the ſayde compaigne of Clothworkers, to the reliefe of the poore of the ſayde compaigne, to be recovered in any court of record, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ An Act touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewſbury.

¶ The. vij. Chapter.



Orasmuche as in the Towne of Shrewſbury in the countie of Salope, there hath ben, tyme out of mynd of man, and yet is, a compaignie, fraternitie, or gylde, of the arte and miſterie of Drapers, which ſayd compaignie, fraternitie, or gylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully incorporated, and made a bodie politicke: which ſayd corporation and fraternitie, hath by reaſon of a certaine trade and occupation of bying and ſellyng of welſhe Cloth and Lynyng, commonly called Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, whiche they haue had and vſed amongeſt them, ben able not onely to lyue thereby, but alſo haue at theyr common coſtes, prouyded houſes and other neces-

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necessaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, whom also with further reliefe they do weekly helpe and maintayne. And by the same theyr trade aforesayde, haue vsed most commonly to set on worke, aboue six hundred persons, of the arte or science of Shermen or Fryzers, within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as theyr poore wyues and families, are whollye maintayned and kept. To the impechement and hinderance of whiche sayde trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, not beyng of the sayde companie or mysterie, nor brought by in the vse of the sayde trade, haue of late with great disorder, vpon a meere couetous desyre and mynde, intronitted with, and occupied the sayde trade of bying of welthe cloth or lynyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skyll, in the same. By reason whereof, the sayde ignorant and unskyllfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly suche welthe cloth and lynyng, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouyded. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatlye decayed and discredited, to the greate losse and hinderance of suche poore Shermen and fryzers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be maintayned, and relieued by the sayde trade, aswell in makyng, as workyng of the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the greate deceyte, damage, and hinderance of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, that bye and prouyde the same, and to the slander and discredite of the sayde commodities in forren partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where mozeouer in the Parliament holden at Westmynster, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye King Philip and Queene Marie, vppon good and delibérate aduise, amongst other thinges, it was enacted, that no person nor persons, whiche shoulde bye to sell agayne, by waye of retayle or otherwyle, any of the sayde welthe lynyngs, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or theyr dwelllyng house or houses, or in any other place, by hym selfe, or his seruauant, any of the sayde welthe lynyngs: but shoulde put the same to some suche person or persons, as shoulde be of the art or science of Shermen, Cottoners, or fryzers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vppon payne of forfayture for euery welthe Cloth or Lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarye, six shyllings and eyght pence, as in the same Acte doth appeare. Sithens which tyme, diuers persons for the defraudyng of the sayd statute, haue caused others to bye the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the workmanshipp thereof vnto themselves, of suche byers: vsyng the lyke fraude, by bying, and turnyng

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worke ouer vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue worke, to the manifeste defrauding of the good entent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and reliefe of the pooze men, that be Shermen and Fryzers: Be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuyng, no maner person or persons, whatsoeuer, inhabitynge & dwelling within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then suche as haue, or shal haue serued as appentices in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayde science or mysterie, shall occupye, vse, exercise, or frequent the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying of the sayd welthe Cloth or Linyng, Cottons, Fryzes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraude, be any occupper of the sayd Fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, vpon payne that euery person and persons, inhabiting as is aforesayde, and occupying, vsing, or exercising the sayde trade, occupation, or science of bying of welthe Cloth and Linyng, and not aucthorised by this present Acte, shal lose and forsayte for euery peece of the same Clothes so bought, six shyllinges and eight pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabiting, as is aforesayd, and vsing or occupying the sayd trade of bying of Fryzes, Cottons, or Playnes, shal vse or exercise the facultie of fryzing or cottoning, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forfeitures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paynes and forfeitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons, as wyll sue for the same in any Court of recorde, by action, byll, or plainte, of dette, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed and admitted.

Proutyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or any thynge, sentence, or matter therein conteyned, shal not extende or be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science, of bying or sellynge of welthe Clothes and Linyngs aforesayd: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the sayde trade or science, as is aforesayd, shal and may haue and enioye the like benefyte, commoditie, and aduantage, as well in bying and sellynge the sayde welthe Clothes and Linyngs, as otherwyle, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to thintent the sayde pooze Shermen, fryzers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieved and maintayned, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, occupying

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occupying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupye or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of bying and selleng of welthe Cloth and Lynynges aforesayde, and shall from the feast of Easter next ensuyng, deliuer any welthe Cloth or Lynyngs aforesayde, to be cottoned, cryed, dressed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, shall deliuer, content, and pay to the sayd Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, redye and present money for all his sayde worke, without any colour, fraude, or engine, whatsoeuer, and shall not deliuer any ware or other thyng whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayd worke, or any part thereof, vpon payne that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall forthwith lose all such liberties, freedoms, and priuileges, whiche he hath or shall haue, as one of the sayde companie, fraternitie or guylde of the sayde arte and misterie of Drapers: and also shal for euer after, be vtterly disabled, and excluded to vse, occupie, or enioy, by him selfe, or by any other for him, or to his vse, the sayd trade, arte, mysterie, or science of bying or selling of welthe Clothes or Linings, this Acte or any other matter or thyng whatsoeuer to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for the Repeale of a braunche of
a statute, made. 22. H. 8. for the stature of
Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other
places confynng thervnto.

¶ The. viij. Chapter.



Here at a Parliament holden
at westminster, the. xxxii. yere of the
raigne of the most victorizous Prince
of famous memorie King Henry the
eight, moste deare father vnto the
Queenes excellente byghnes, our
Soueraigne Ladye that now is,
amonges other things it was ordey-
ned, establisshed, and enacted, by the
sayde late King, with thassent of the
Lords spirituall and temporall, and
the commons of the same Parlia-
ment assembled, for the increase and

breede of greater and stronger Horses from thence after to be had,
within this Realme of England: that no Commoner or Comoners
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within any forest, Chace, Mowe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde forestes or Chaces, nor any other person or persons, whatsoever he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowynge the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche ground, forest, Chace, Mowe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeres, and not beyng of the altitude and heygth of fyfteen handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hooft, vnto the higher parte of the wyther, and euery handfull to conteyne foure pyches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be noyrshed in or vppon any of the sayde forestes, Chaces, Commons, Mowes, Marishes, Heathes, or waste groundes, within any of the Shires and Territories of Norfolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntington, Essex, Kent, Southampton, Northwylshire, Oxforde, Barke, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedford, Warwick, Northampton, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Stafford, the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Gloucester, the Countie of the Towne of Kyngston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leicesters, Hereford, and Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the sayde age of two yeres, & not beyng in heygth of. xliii. handfull, to be measured as is abouesayde, within or vppon any lyke ground or groundes, as ben aboue wyrtten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vppon payne of forfayture and losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Ground, forest, Chace, Mowe, Marishe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, at any tyme after the sayde last day of Marche, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. contrarie to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayd estatute more fullye and at large maye appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche tyme, diuers and sundrye greate and manyfolde hurtes, hinderances, and losses hath happened and chaunced, as well to the inhabitaunts of the Mowes, Marishes, and fenne groundes, within the Ile of Ely, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitaunts of other the Mowes, Marishes, and fenne groundes within the sayd Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lyncolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, next adioyning and bordering vppon the same Ile: for that the sayde Mowes, Marishes, and fenne groundes, because of theyr rottennesse, infirminesse, moisture, and waterynesse, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or byring
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foorth suche great breede of stoned Horses, of such bignesse and hygh stature, as within thasoresayd statute are expressed, without daunger and peryl of the mureyng, drownyng, and perishing of the same. wherupon many promoters, takyng occasion by reason of thasoresayde estatute, haue aswell entred into the sayde Ile, as also other the Moores, Marishes, and fenne grounds, in all the countrey next bordering and ioyning vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and puruey of the sayde estatute, from diuers pooze men, not beyng able otherwyle to remedie the same, their Horse, not being comparable of lyke stature to the sayd estatute, aswell to the greate losse and hinderauce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daryng to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the bitter subuersion and decaye of all the tillage and carriage within the sayde Ile, and others the countreys round about the same, in tyme to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thasoresayd estatute, made in the sayde. xxxii. yere of Kyng Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Marishes and seggie fenne grounds within the sayd Ile, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Marishes and seggie fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former acte expressed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Neuerthelesse, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoever he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March next comming, shall haue or put to pasture into or vpon any Marsh or seggie fenne ground within the sayde Ile of Ely, or into or vpon any Marsh or seggie fenne grounds within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude & height of. xiii. handfull, to be measured fro the lowest part of the hooft of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne. iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the sayd Marishes, or seggie fenne groundes, within the sayd Ile, and within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon such and the like payne, as by the sayd former Acte is limited and expressed.

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¶ An Act to repeale a braunche of a statute,
made in An. 23. H. 8. touchyng the
pryces of Barreles, and Kilderkins.

¶ The. ix. Chapter.



In their moste humble wyse, shewen
vnto the Queenes most excellent Maie-
tie, and vnto the Lordes spirituall and
temporall, and vnto the commons in
this present Parliament assembled: the
Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of
all other Cities and Townes within this
Realme of England, that where in the
Parliament holden by prorogation at
Westminster, the. xv. daye of Januarie, in
the. xiiii. yere of the raigne of the late
Kynge of famous memorie Kynge Henry the eyght, father to our
sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes that nowe is, there
was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte, that no
Brewers of Beere or Ale, shall make theyr Barreles, Kilderkins, nor
fyrkyngs within them, and howe muche the same Barreles, Kilder-
kins and fyrkyngs shall conteyne. In whiche statute, amongst other
thynges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artificer of the
Cowpers, shall enhaunce the pryces of any suche Barreles, Kilder-
kyngs, fyrkyngs, or other vessels, in the sale of them, to any Ale brewer,
or Beere brewer, or other person, as in the sayde Acte are mentio-
ned, but shoulde kepe the rates of suche pryces, as in the same Acte
are expessed, and not aboue, vppon payne to forsaite for euery Bar-
rell, Kilderkyn, and fyrkyn, defectiue or enhaunced in pryce, in any
poynte contrary to the sayde Acte. iii. s. iiii. d. (That is to saye) for
euery Beere barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere kilderkyn. v. d. and for
euery beere fyrkyn. iii. d. And the Ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkyn
ix. d. and the ale fyrkyn. v. d. as by the same Acte, amongst diuers
other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and
maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Cloueboorde and stufte wher-
of the sayde vessels and the hoopes thereof shoulde be made, are ry-
sen and growen to suche excessiue pryces, that suche as do make the
sayde vessels, can not make and sell any suche Barreles, Kilderkyngs,
fyrkyngs, or other vessels, at the pryces expessed in the sayd estatute,
but to theyr great losse and hinderauce: whereby the misterie,
trade, and facultie of the sayd Cowpers, is vtterlye ouerthrowen, to
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the impouerythement and vtter vndoing of them, theyr wyues, chyldren, and families, as is most euident.

Forasmuch as at the tyme of the making of the sayd estatute, the Cowpers myght haue bought a thousand of Barrell bordes for xii. s. 02. xiii. s. iiii. d. and a thousand of Kilderhyn bordes, for. ix. s. 02. x. s. and a loade of hoopes for. ix. s. 02. x. s. And now a thousand of Barrell borde can not be bought vnder. xxiii. s. iiii. d. and. xl. s. and a thousand of Kilderhyn borde vnder. xxvi. s. viii. d. and a loade of hoopes vnder. xxiii. s. iiii. d. and. xl. s. as is right well and notoriouse knowne:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & bythauthoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause, and sentence, compyled in the sayde estatute, made in the said. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the said late king, as doth touche or concerne the pryces of Barrells, Kilderhyns, fyxhyns, and other vessels, and all and euery payne and forfaiture expessed and declared in the sayde Acte, for selling of any of the sayde kynde of vessels, aboue the pryces before specified, from the time of new prices to be set in fourme hereafter expessed, for suche places onlye as the same newe pryces shalbe set, shalbe clearely repealed, frustrate, and made voyde. And that from hencefoorth the pryces of all Barrells, Kilderhyns, fyxhyns, and other vessels to be solde, for Ale, Beere, or Sope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Mayres, Baylyfes, and other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made, or offered to be solde; And where suche vessels shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, the pryces thereof shalbe rated and tared by the Iustices of the peace, or the more parte of them, beyng present in the generall or quarter Sessions, yerely next after Easter, at suche reasonable pryces, as they shall thynke reasonable by theyr discretions. The sayd estatute made in the sayde. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrarie thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that yf the sayde Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale, accordyng to such pryces as shalbe rated, as is aforesayde, after proclamation thereof made: that then euery person and persons so offending, shall for the same, incurre the paynes and forfeitures mentioned in the sayd statute, made the sayd. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng: That is to wyt, for euery Barrell, Kilderhyn, and fyxhyn, which shalbe sold at greater pryce then shalbe rated and tared, as is aforesayde, the summe of iii. s. iiii. d. of lawfull money of England, whereof the one moitie to be

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to be to the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to suche person or persons, as wyl sue for the same, by action of det, in any court of recorde, wherein no protection, esloigne, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ An Act for Bowyers, and the
pryces of Bowes.

¶ The. x. Chapter.



*M*oste humblye complaynyng, sheweth
vnto your hyghnes, and to your hygh
Court of Parliament, your obedient sub-
iectes, the Bowyers, dwelling and inha-
biting within the Citie of London, & the
Suburbes of the same: That where in the
Parliament of the late Kyng of most fa-
mous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght,
begunne and holden at westminster, the
xvi. day of Januarie, in the. xxxiii. yere of
the raigne of the sayd late king, and there
continued vntyll the first daye of Aprill then next folowynge, there
was one Acte and statute then made and prouyded, intituled: An
Act for the maintenaunce of Artillerie, and debarring of vnlawful
games. In whiche Acte and statute, amongst other thynges, there
is one braunche conteyned and specified: The tenour wherof is, as
hereafter foloweth. That is to saye, and to thintent, that euery
person maye haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the auc-
thoritie aforesayde, that euery Bowyer dwelling out of the Citie
of London, shal after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then
next commynge, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make
three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, witchhasell, Ashe,
and other wood, apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and for-
sayte for euery suche Bowe so lackynge. iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bo-
wyer, dwelling within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shal
after the sayd feast of the Purification of our Lady then next com-
mynge, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for
shotyng, of Ashe, Elme, witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the
same, vnder lyke payne and forsayture, as by the sayde statute
more playnely it doth and may appeare. And although the sayd
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braunche of the sayde statute, be nedefull and expedient to remayne and continue for suche Bowyers as do dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the Suburbes of the same: Yet forasmuch as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, witchhassell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then onely of Ewe, bled or occupied by any person within the sayde Citie and Suburbes of the same: therfore the sayde braunche of the sayde Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is nedefull to be had and made for the Bowyers, dwelling within the sayde Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuerthelesse, your sayde subiectes, for the auoyding of the daunger and penaltie contayned in the sayde braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, witchhassell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme, better and sell the same, but are constrained to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, untill they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhassell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in making of the sayd Bowes, and your said subiectes, by suche losses as they dayly sustayne in makinge suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothinge aduanced, but rather hindered. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble kyng of famous memorie, kyng Edward the fourth, made in the. xxi. yere of his raigne, and in the thirde yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the seventh, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayde. xxiii. yere of the raigne of our said late Soueraigne Lorde, kyng Henry the eighth, father to our sayd Soueraigne Lady, there is mention made of the pryces of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes, was appoynted to be but. iii. s. iiii. d. and not aboue, to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue ben so solde to any person or persons, accordyng to the rates and pryces expressed in the sayd seuerall Actes, untill nowe, within this twentie yeres, the pryces of Bowstaues haue diuersly ben raysed and enhaunced, from fīue poundes a hundred, to. xii. li. or thereaboutes, for whiche causes, the pryces contayned in the sayde seuerall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties sayde subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in daunger of the sayde seuerall statutes concernyng the pryces of Bowes, whiche they humbly beseeche your Maiestie, with thassent of your high court of Parliament, may be released vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for the same.

BE IT therfore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

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assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde estatutes of kyng Edward the fourth, and kyng Henry the seventh, concerning the pryces of Bowes, and all the braunches contayned in the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the pryces of Bowes therein expessed only, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for ever, be thereby clearly repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and also all and every clause and sentence of the sayd statute of kyng Henry the eyght before recited, tending to the making of Bowes of Elme, witchhassell, Ashe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein contayned, for any the sayde last rehearsed premises, from henceforth for ever shall not be intended, construed, or taken to extend to any Bowyer now dwelling or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thing in them, or any of them, contayned in any wyle to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and every the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, & Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all times hereafter, provide and have in his or their custody, the number of fiftie good and able Bowes of Elme, witchhassell, or Ashe, at the least, wel and substantially made and wrought, upon payne that every of the sayde Bowyers, whiche by the space of twentie dayes, shall not have in his custodie suche number of the sayd Bowes of witchhassell, Elme, or Ashe, redye made, and meete to be solde and bled as aforesayde, shall hereafter for every Bowe lacking of the number aforesayde, forsaite, x. s. the one moitie of whiche forsaiture, shall be to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie therof, shall be to him or them, blyng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyl sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or other wyle, in any court of Record, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of law, shall in any wise be admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

PROVIDED, alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if any Bowyer, after the first day of May next commynge, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandish Ewe, and of the best sort, over and above the pryce of. li. s. viii. d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the seconde sort, over and above the pryce of. iii. s. iii. d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesaide, beyng of the course sort, called

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called liuerye Bowes, for and aboue the pryce of. ii. s. a peece, or that shall after the sayde first day of May, sell any Bowes beyng Englishe Ewe, ouer and aboue the pryce of. ii. s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forsayte for euery Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the pryce aforesayde. xl. s. the one moitie therof, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsyng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnte, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed: Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Act contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. This Acte to continue vntyll the last day of the first session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the true making of *Hattes and Cappes.*

¶ The .xj. Chapter.



Here great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the arte of makynge wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hattes and feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of straunge commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depende vpon the hauing of forraigne wooles, to the discommoditie of this Realme, the disservice of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, if remedy be not provided: It may therefore please the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayd poore subiectes, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commynge, make or worke any felt or Hatte, of, or with any forraigne wooll or stuffe, vntill suche person shall first haue ben apprentice or couenaunt seruauant, to such misterie of felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yerres at the least, vpon payne to forsayte all such Hattes or feltes,

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feltes, as he shall make, or cause to be made whyle he worketh, contrary to the fourme of this Act, and five poundes in money for euery moneth that he shall so continue.

AND be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from the fyrrst day of Aprill next comming, no person whatsoeuer, shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe or other thing of felt, but only Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knit. And that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall dye, or cause to be dyed blacke, any Cappe, with barke or swarfe, but only with copperas and gall, or with woad and madder.

AND (for the setting of many poore and impotent persons to worke, and for better making of Cappes) that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall thicke or full in any Wyll, or cause to be thicked or fulled in any Wyll, any Cappe, untill suche tyme as the same Cappe be first well scoured and closed bypon the bancke, and halfe thicked at the least in the footestocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the sayd first day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or hypper Cappe of veluet, or couered with veluet, on payne to forsayte for euery Hatte, Cap, or other thyng to be made, dyed, thicked, fully, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, ten shillinges, whereof the one moitie shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to such person then vsing the seate of Cappe making, as wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shall be admitted or allowed.

AND for the better and truer making of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lefull to the Maister and wardens of the company of Haberdashers, within the Citie of London, and to their successours for the time beyng, calling to them one of the company of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shall require, within the sayde Citie, or within thre myles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyssh by fines and other wyse, as in like cases they do other offendours and defaultes within the sayde company. And that it shall be lefull for al Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the lyke.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery Hatmaker, that now is a maker or worker of Hatts, and being a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruauant, or iorneyman, shall or may, during such persons naturall life, continue making

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kyng of Hattes and feltes, albeit suche person were not bounden apprentice to the same arte for the space of seven yeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, shall take or receave any apprentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, that is to say, aboue two apprentices at one tyme, nor those for any lesse tyme, then seven yeres at the least, on payne to suffer for every apprentice to be taken or receaved agaynst the fourme of this Acte, one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without bayle or maynpryse. And that every taking or receauyng of apprentice, contrary to this Acte, shalbe boyde: And also suche person so taking or receauyng, shalbe from thencefoorth, disabled to haue any mo apprentices, then one at one tyme.

PROVIDED alway, that nothyng in this Act shall extende to charge any person, allowed to be a feltmaker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forfayture, for setting or vsyng his or their owne children to the making or working of feltes or Hattes, in his or their owne houses. Provided, that this Acte shall not extende to any making of Hattes with worsted yarne, in the Citie of Norwiche.

¶ An Acte for Thalnegers fees in Lancashire,
and for length, breadth, and wayght of
Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

¶ The.xij. Chapter.



Orasmuche as diuers Clothiers
inhabiting within the Countie
Palantine of Lancaster, seekyng
inordinately their owne singuler
gaynes, haue of late practised priui-
lye, to conuay and carry away out
of the said Countie diuers Cottons,
fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to
be solde, before suche tyme as the
Queenes Vlneger of the sayde
Countie, hath fixed vnto every such
cloth, the Queenes Seale in that
behalfe appoynted, and somtyme counterfaytyng and setting to
such their clothes, seales of their owne, myndyng therby, not onelye
to defraude the sayde Vlneger of his accustomed fees, due to be
payde to the Queenes highnes vse, for the sealyng of every suche
cloth, Cotton, fryze, or Rugge: but also to couer and hyde the vn-
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true and deceitful making of many of the sayd Clothes, contrary to the true meaning of sundry good and wholsome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, aswell for the true making of the clothes before said, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no litle prejudice and damage of the sayde Aulneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annuall summe to the Queenes Maiestie, for the sayd Aulnege, in disceipt of her hyghnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayd clothes.

FOR reformation wherof, be it enacted by our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next commynge, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayde Countie, or conuay, or carry, or cause to be conuayed and carryed out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery such Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall fixe and put to, or cause to be fixed and put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauing the marke of euery such owner or clothyer ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true length of euery suche Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde seale. And also the Queenes hyghnes Aulneger of the sayd Countie Palantine for the tyme beyng, vpon tryall of the wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fixe and put, or cause to be fixed and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnes seale of Leade, hauing the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true wayght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the same seale, vppon payne of forfayture of all and euery suche Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conuayed, carryed, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde, beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meaning of this present Acte: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres, and successors, and the other moitie thereof, to such person or persons, that shall seale the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or wyll sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes hyghnes courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no esloigne, protectiō, or wager of law, shalbe allowed for the defendant.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Aulneger, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall appoint and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blakborne,

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borne. and Bery, in the said Countie where the sayd Aulneger hath ben accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redye vpon lawfull request vnto him made, without delay, to way euery of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, as shalbe brought vnto euerye such deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fire and set to euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnes seale beforesayde, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vpon payne of forfaiture of. xx.s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the sayde Aulneger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be wayed in fourme beforesayde: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, information, action of debt, or otherwise, whereis no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull for the saide Aulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, iii. d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe, one halfe peny, and the same to be payde by the owner or byrnger of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And forasmuch as such persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sell the said seueral kindes of Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, haue ben, and are dayly molested, bered, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderance, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers & searchers, seekyng continually their owne priuate gayne, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made accordyng to such fourme of waight, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limited & appointed: And for that the same persons do alleage, that the makers of the sayd Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the said waightes, lengthes, and breadthes, in making of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, accordyng to the fourme of the sayd former estatutes, without the vtter bnding of great numbers of pooze people, that are commonly the makers of such kind of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, sithe the making of the sayd estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarce and dearer, then they were before the making of the sayd estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in substance or forme of making.

FOR reformation whereof: Be it enacted, that from and after the first day of Aprill next commyng, every of the said Cottons, being sufficiently milled or thicked, cleane scoured, wel wrought, and fully dyed, shal way. xxi. pounce at the least, and shal contayne in length. xxi. goades, or. xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the least. And that every of the saide Fryzes or Rugges being thicked and fully dyed, shal way. xliii. pounce at the least, and shal contayne in length, betwixt. xxxv. yardes. and. xxxvii. yardes, and shal contayne in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the least, and not to be strayned upon the teryntours, aboute one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the said Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, shalbe of any greater length, then is before severally expressed, that then every goade or yarde so exceeding the said severall lengthes, shal way after such rate, as every goade or yarde of suche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, contayning the said severall lengthes, shal or ought to way, upon payre of forsayture for every goade or yarde not waying after such rate. xii. d. And also if any of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe of any lesse waight, the is before severally limited & appointed, that then all and every such person or persons, that shal so sell, or offer to be solde, any such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shal forsayte for every pound lacking under three pounses. xii. d. and for every pounce waight lacking aboute. iii. li. five shillings: thone halfe of whiche forsaytures, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe thereof, to such person or persons, that shal sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnte, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

AND further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every braunche, clause, sentence, and article specified and contayned in any other Actes of Parliament before this tyme made, concernyng the sealyng and making of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, shalbe from hencefoorth utterly repealed, boyde, and of none effect: Any thyng in the sayde Actes contayned to the contrary, in any wyle notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this Acte shal not in any wyle extend to be prejudiciall or hurtfull unto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, concernyng the making and puttyng to sale of any woollen cloth: Any thyng therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An Acte concerning Sea markes and Mariners.

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Here as the Maister, Wardens
and Assautes of the Trinitie
house of Deptforde stonde, beyng a
company of the chiefest and most ex-
pert maisters and gouernours of
shippes, incorporate within them
selues, charged with the conduction
of the Queenes Maiesties Nauye
royall, are bound to foresee the good
encrease and mayntenaunce of
shippes, and of all kynde of men tra-
ded and brought by by water craft,

moste meete for her Maiesties marine seruike. And forasmuche as
by the destroying and takyng away of certayne steeples, woodes,
and other markes, standyng vpon the mayne shores, adioynyng to
the sea coastes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, beyng as
beakons and markes of auncient tyme accustomed for Seafaryng
men, to saue and kepe them, and the shippes in their charge, from
sundry daungers therto incident: diuers shippes with their goodes
and marchaundizes, in saylyng from forraine partes towards this
Realme of Englande and Wales, and specially to the port and ry-
uer of Thames, haue by the lacke of suche markes, of late yeres ben
miscaried, peryshed, and lost in the sea, to the great detriment and
hurt of the common weale, and the peryshyng of no small number
of people.

FOR remedie wherein to be had: Be it enacted, established, and
ordayned, by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, by the con-
sentes of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons
in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the
same, that the foresayde Maister, wardens, and Assautes of
the Trinitie house at Deptforde stonde, aforesayde, beyng a com-
pany incorporated as before, shall and may lawfully by vertue of
this Acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter, at their wylles and plea-
sures, and at their costes: make, erect, and set by suche and so ma-
nye beakons, markes, and signes for the sea, in such place or places
of the sea shores, and bylandes neare the sea coastes, or foerlandes
of the sea, onely for sea markes, as to them shall seeme moste
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meete, nedefull, and requisite, whereby the daungers may be auoyded and escaped, and shippes the better come vnto their portes, without peryll. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or theyr assignes, erected, made, and set vp, at the costes and charges of the sayd Maiister, wardens, and Assistautes, shall and may be continued, renued, and be mayntayned from time to time, at the costes and charges of the sayde Maiister, wardens, and Assistautes: Any thing to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

AND be it further ordayned and enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that no sleeple, trees, or other thynges, now standing, as beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth growe or stande, before the first day of Marche next commynge) notice shall be geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters, vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon payne that euery person by whose procurement or consent suche offence shall be committed, shall forsayte the summe of one hundred pounds, wherof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maiister, wardens, and Assistautes of the sayde Trinity house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendynge, be not of the value of one hundred pounds: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, Ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

AND further, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwelling about the sayd ryuer of Thames, beyng thereto licenced by the sayd Maiister, wardens, and Assistautes, and hauing sufficient certificat of suche licence from the sayde Maiister and wardens, as well betwene their voyages, as at other tymes, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the reliefe of them, their wiues, and children: shall and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne whirries, or any other mens whirries by them to be hyzed, or wherein they shall be hyzed to worke, by and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and folowe the ordinarie passyng and carryng of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called whirrmen, of the same ryuer be and accustome to do, without impechement, hinderance, or let, to the contrary. And that suche Seafaryng men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maiister, wardens, and Assistautes, as they were before: Any Act, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore against the premises ordayned or made, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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tawed Leather.

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Forasmuche as in one Acte made in the first session of this present Parliament, intituled: An Act against the carrying of Sheepskins and pelses ouer the sea, not beyng Staple ware, there is contayned one braunche agaynst the making of any pelses by any person, other then such as are permitted to make the same by the sayde statute. The execution of whiche braunche, hath ben put in suspence, by reason that some other partes of the same statute, are supposed to be agaynst the entercourse of the lowe Countreys of the kyng of Spayne.

BE IT therefore declared and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde first braunche of the sayde statute, beyng not agaynst the sayd entercourse, shal from hencefoorth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people, haue ben set on worke by conuerting of Sheepe skinnnes and Lambe skinnnes, into tawed Leather and Parchment, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the sayde statute, is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuerting of such skinnnes into Leather and Parchment, hath ben great mayntenance of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wylbe, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the sayde first braunche concernyng making of pelses be duely put in execution, where otherwylse, yf the sayde pelses shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same woulde be an occasion of the impouerishing of many of the naturall Englyshe people, of this Realme.

BE IT therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of the sayde statute, as concerneth the transporting of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepes skinnnes, and Lambes skinnnes, shal from hencefoorth, as touchyng onely the transporting of suche tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: Any thing in the said statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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¶ An Acte for preservation of
Grayne.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster upon prorogation, the fourth day of february, in the. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the noble Prince of famous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght: amongst other Actes, one estatute was made and provided for the destruction of Crows, Rookes, and Chaughes: In whiche estatute, is contayned one braunche concernyng the prouision, puttyng in bre, and mayntenaunce

of nettes and shrapes, whiche braunche, beyng very good and beneficiall, long tyme sythens was expired. Be it therefore ordayned and enacted, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that onely the sayde braunche of the same estatute, concerning the prouision, vse, and mayntenaunce of nettes and shrapes, for the destruction of Crows, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and every article, forsayture, and penaltie, contayned in the sayde braunche, for and concernyng the prouision and puttyng in bre of the same nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, accordyng to the fourme therein limited: shall from hencefoorth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and every other braunche and article contayned in the same estatute, shall be from hencefoorth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purposes.

AND further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in every paryshe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the parishioners, to the number of sixe persons, to be required by the Churchwardens, shall after the feast of Saint Michaell tharchangell next commyng, yerely in one of the festiuall dayes in the Easter weeke, and at every other tyme when and as often as it is and shall be nedefull, take and assesse every propriatour, farmour, and other person, hauyng the possession of any lande or tythes within their seuerall paryshes, to pay suche summe of money, as they shall thinke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and proportion

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tion of suche landes or tythes, as the same persons so assessed, do or shall haue or holde: And yf the sayde summes of money, or any of them, so tared and assessed, be or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the sayde Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery person so denyng or makynge suche defaulte of payment, shall forsayte for euery tyme fyue shyllynges, and the same, together with the sayde summe or summes assessed and tared as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied by distresse, of the goodes and cattels of suche person and persons so assessed, and refusynge to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them: whiche distresse, shalbe ordered, and bled in such maner and fourme, as distresses taken for amerciamentes in any letes, and the same summes so tared and assessed, and the sayde penalties, yf any be so by them leuied, as is aforesayde, shalbe yerely by the sayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery such paryshe, delyuered, by bill or byls indented to two honest and substantial persons of euery such paryshe, whiche shalbe elected and appoynted by the sayde Churchwardens, for the tyme beyng, to haue the yerely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributours of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules and berymyn. And the sayde distributours so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shall geue and paye of the same money so to them delyuered, to euery person that shall bryng to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Wyres, or Kookes, taken within the seuerall paryshes, for the heads of euery three of them, a penny. And for the heads of euery fyre younge Crowes, Chaughes, Wyres, or Kookes, taken as is aforesayde, a penny. And for euery fyre egges of any of them unbroken, a penny. And lykewyse for euery twelue Stares heads, a penny. All whiche sayde heads and egges, the sayde distributours in some conuenient place shall kepe, and shall euery moneth at lest, bryng forth the same before the sayd Churchwardens and taxours or three of them, and then and there to them shall make a true accompt in wytyng, what money they haue layed forth, and payde for suche heads and egges, and for the heads of such other rauenous byrdes and berymyn, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned. That is to saye: for euery head of Hertzen Hawkes, furselhytte, Holdhytte, Busarde, Schagge, Carnerante, or Ryngtaylor. ii. d. and for euery two egges of them, one penny. for euery Iron or Sprayes head, foure pence. for the head of euery woodwall, Wyre, Jaye, Raven, or Kyte, one penny. for the head of euery byrd whiche is called the kyngs fysher, one penny. for the head of euery Bulfynche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penny. for the heads of euery fore or Gray, xii. d. and for the head

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of euery fitchewe, Polcatte, weſell, Stote, ſayze Bade, or wyld
Catte. i. d. for the heads of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges. ii. d. for
the heads of euery three Rattes, or twelue Myſe. i. d. for the heads
of euery Holdwarpe or wante, a. ob. for the heads of euery which
byrdes and bermyn laſt mentioned, the ſayde diſtributours ſhall
lykewyſe paye and geue to the byrnger of them, for euery head kyld
and taken, within theyr ſeueral paryſhe, as before is limitted, and
ſhall kepe the ſame to be ſhewed forth vppon theyr accompte, in
maner and fourme as is aforeſayde. All whiche ſayde heades and
egges, ſhalbe forthwith, after ſuche accompte made, in the preſence
of the ſayde Churchwardens and ſarours, or of three of them, bur-
ned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vppon any accompte to be
made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtri-
butours, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remainyng
in the hands of the ſayde diſtributours, or of any of them, then the
ſame ſhalbe by byll indented, as is aforeſayde, deliuered ouer to ſuch
perſons, as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office, for the yere next
ſollowyng, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſayde.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it alſo enacted by
the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull to and for
euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter wyll trauell for the
takyng of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the bermyn
abouesayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place
therefore meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or
occupper of the ſame, and there to ble ſuch nettes, engins, and other
reaſonable deuſes, as are meete and conuenient for the taking and
deſtruction of ſuche bermyn (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted)
and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and
other bermyn to his and theyr owne bles. And yf the ſayde Church-
wardens, and ſix perſons of any paryſhe or paryſhes, ſo required by
the Churchwardens, as is aforeſayd, or the perſons elected for diſtri-
butours, or any of them, ſhal reſuſe or make default in the execution
of this Act, or any part thereof, contrary to the fourme aforeſayde:
then euery ſuche perſon ſhall forſayte for euery ſuche defaulte, fyue
poundes, the one moitie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Lady the
Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof, to
hym or them, vſing tillage yerely within the ſame Shire, that ſhall
ſue for the ſame in any court of recorde of our Soueraigne Lady
the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action of dette, or byll of
information, wherein the defendaunt or defendantes ſhall haue no
protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Provided alwayes, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid,
that this Act or any braunch therein conteyned, ſhal not in any wiſe
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extende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any person or persons, to vse or exercise any meane or engyn, for the destruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the beryn aforesayde, in any place or places, to the disturbaunce, let, or destruction of the buyldyng or breedynge of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egryts, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt or destructiō of any Doves, douehouses, Deere or warren of Conies: Any thing in this Acte to the contrarpe conteyned, notwithstanding.

And be it further prouyded, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to geue or appoynte any summe or summes of money, to be geuen, payde, or distributed, to any person or persons, for the head or heades of any Busarde, Kingtaylor, Perne, Polcatte, fytchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in douehouses, nor to the kylling or bynggynge the head of any Kyte or Rauen, kyllled in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the same. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act that in diuers Counties, there
shalbe but one Sheriffe in
one Countie.

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Here as the Counties and Shires
of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertford, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyche and Lecester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barkis, of long tyme haue had but one Sheryffe, to serue for two of the sayde Counties, that is to saye, one for Surrey and Sussex, and one other for Essex and Hertford, and one other for Somerset and Dorset, and one other for Warwyche and Lecester, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon and Barkis. The occasion whereof in the begynnyng (as it shoulde seeme) was, for that euery of the sayde seuerall Counties, were not then so well inhabited with gentelmen of good abilitie, to serue in

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the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forsomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Shirewyke of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath ben, and is now commonly greater then one Shireffe is able to serue and supplie: Therfore suche gentelmen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are verpe desirous to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Shireffe to be yerely made and appoynted for the same. And for that the hauyng of seuerall Shireffes accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appoynted to suche office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben:

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely chose and make for euery of the sayde Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Shireffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben bled to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or bled, to the contrarye thereof, not withstandyng. And that euery person, which after the sayd first day of Nouember shall be made and appoynted Shireffe, for any of the sayd Counties, shall be accomptable and bled in the order of his accompte, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Erchequer, and all other courtes and places, in suche maner and fourme, as is commonly bled for Shireffes in like cases.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that the Barons of the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Erchequer, for the tyme beyng, callyng vnto them aswell her or theyr graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clarke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Shireffes, the which next after the sayde first daye of Nouember, shall be by her hyghnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwyke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barkis, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and aucthoritie, to seuer and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, warwyke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barkis.

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The whiche sayde seuerance and deuision of the sayd proffers, shal be entred of recorde in the sayde court of Erchequer, and shalbe finall and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuance.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shalbe deuyled, euen so the tayle of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and deuyled in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lyke wyle further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the tyme being, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Erchequer, and of her heyres and successours, calling vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasurers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the pyppre, shall haue full power and aucthoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntment, for the true and speedy payment and contentacion of suche creation money, fees and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payd, or of ryght ought to haue ben payd, to any person or persons, by the hands of the sayde seuerall Shireffes. And that suche order, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in maner and fourme last before recited, shalbe obserued, perfourmed, fulfilled, and kept verely, as well by both the Shireffes of the sayd seuerall counties of Surrey and Suller, for the tyme being, as by the sayde seuerall Shireffes, for the tyme being, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of warwicke and Lecester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Dron, and Berks: Any blage, lawe, or custome, to the contrarpe, in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no Shireffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall paye in any court of recorde, for any duetie, belongyng properly to the office of Shireffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Shireffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as before the makyng of this Acte was vled: Any lawe, blage, or custome to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of thre whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Saintes, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. LXXIIII. and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowynge the ende of the sayde thre yeres.

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the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forsomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Shirewyke of the sayde Counties, is more then in tymes past it hath ben, and is now commonly greater then one Shireffe is able to serue and supplie: Therfore suche gentelmen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are verie desirous to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Shireffe to be verely made and appoynted for the same. And for that the hauyng of seuerall Shireffes accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appoynted to suche office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben:

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, verely chosse and make for euery of the sayde Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Shireffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben bled to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or bled, to the contrarye thereof, notwithstanding. And that euery person, which after the sayd first day of Nouember shall be made and appoynted Shireffe, for any of the sayd Counties, shall be accomptable and bled in the order of his accompte, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Erchequer, and all other courtes and places, in suche maner and fourme, as is commonly bled for Shireffes in like cases.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that the Barons of the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Erchequer, for the tyme beyng, calling vnto them aswell her or theyr graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clarke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Shireffes, the which next after the sayde first daye of Nouember, shall be by her hyghnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Suffer, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and aucthoritie, to seuer and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Suffer, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyke and Leycester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks.

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The whiche sayde seuerauce and deuision of the sayd proffers, shal be entred of recorde in the sayde court of Erchequer, and shalbe finall and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuance.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shalbe deuyled, euen so the tayle of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and deuyled in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lykewyse further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the tyme being, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Erchequer, and of her heyres and successours, calling vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the pype, shall haue full power and aucthoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntement, for the true and speedy payment and contentation of suche creation money, fees and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payd, or of ryght ought to haue ben payd, to any person or persons, by the hands of the sayde seuerall Shireffes. And that suche order, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in maner and fourme last before recited, shalbe obserued, persourmed, fulfilled, and kept verely, as well by both the Shireffes of the sayd seuerall counties of Surrey and Suffer, for the tyme beyng, as by the sayde seuerall Shireffes, for the tyme beyng, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of warwicke and Lecester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Dron, and Berks: Any blage, lawe, or custome, to the contrarpe, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouryed alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no Shireffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall paye in any court of recorde, for any duetie, belongyng properly to the office of Shireffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Shireffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as before the makyng of this Acte was vsed: Any lawe, blage, or custome to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of thre whole yerres, to be accompted from the feast of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. LXXII. and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowynge the ende of the sayde thre yerres.

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¶ An Act for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

¶ The. xvij. Chapter.



Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, haue louyngly and liberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidie of foure shyllinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and singular theyr promotions spirituall within the same prouince, duryng the terme of thre yeres nowe next ensuyng, in such certayne maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions

and prouisions, as be specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument, by them chereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes hyghnes, vnder the seale of the moste reuerende father in God, Mathewe, nowe Archbysshop of Canterbury, and Primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouynce of Canterbury, beyng lawfully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, callyng to theyr remembraunce the greate and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue many and sundry wayes receaued of your Maiesties moste gracious bountyfulnes, principally for the setting forth, and aduaucing of Goddes holpe worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolysing all forrayne power, contrarye to the same. Consideryng also the greate debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtie God fyrst to call your hyghnes to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, wayghing the greate charges, wherewith your Maiestie both hath ben, and is lyke to be burthened hereafter, for the defendyng and preseruyng your hyghnes Realme, and naturall subiectes in christian peace, tranquillitie, and iacetie.

In consideration thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes, and myndes towardes your Maiestie, with

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with one vniforme agreement, accomde, and consent together, with moſte hartie good wyll, haue geuen and graunted, and by theſe preſentes do geue and graunte, to your hyghnes, your heyres and ſucceſſours, one Subſidy, in maner and ſourne folowynge.

That is to ſaye: That euery Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouoſt, Maſter of Colledge, Prebendary, Parſon, vicar, and euery other perſon and perſons, of whatſoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouince of Canterbury, enioying any ſpirituall promotion or other temporall poſſeſſions, to the ſame ſpirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor ſeperated by Acte of Parliament, or other wyſe, from the poſſeſſion of the Cleargie: ſhall paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and ſucceſſours; for euery pounce that he maye yerely diſpende by reaſon of the ſayd ſpirituall promotion, the ſumme of foure ſhillyngeſ. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subſidy ſhalbe made; the rate, taxation, valuation, and eſtimation, nowe remainyng of recorde in your Maieſties court of Archequer, for the payment of the perpetuall diſme or tenth, graunted to your Maieſties moſt noble father, in the .xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng ſuche promotions as nowe be in poſſeſſion of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuied by any Acte of Parliament; or otherwyſe alienated from the poſſeſſion of the Cleargie, ſhall onely be folowed and obſerued, without making any valuation, rate, taxation, or eſtimation, other then in the ſayde recorde is nowe compyſed.

Prouyded alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the ſayd rate and valuation beſore mentioned, is yerely payde to your hyghneſſe for the ſayde perpetuall diſme, ſo as there remaineth onely nyne partes, to the incumbent clere: This Subſidy of foure ſhillyngeſ the pounce, ſhalbe vnderſtanded and meant of euery pounce onely of the ſayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Prouyded alwayes, that no perſon that is alrede promoted to any ſpirituall benefice or promotion, ſithens the .xxiii. day of May laſt paſt, or that hereafter ſhalbe promoted to any ſpirituall benefice or promotion, on thisſide the .xxiii. daye of Maye, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thouſand, fyue hundred, threſcore and nyne, by reaſon whereof he is, ſhall or maye be charged to the payment of the firſt frutes for the ſaid promotion, ſhalbe contributorie or charged for the ſame to your hyghnes, your heyres, or ſucceſſours, with any parte of this Subſidy, durynge the fyſt yere after the acceptaunce of his ſayde promotion.

And your ſayde Prelates and Cleargie alſo do graunte, that this Subſidy of .iiii. s. the pounce, of the nyne partes of the yerely value of euery promotion ſpirituall aforeſayde, within the ſayde prouince,

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tared, as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yeres next ensuing the date herof, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, sixtene pence of every pound aforesayde, in every of the sayde three yeres. The first payment thereof, to be due at the. xiiii. daye of May next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, three score and seven. And the second payment thereof, to be due at the. xiiii. daye of Maye then next folowynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and eyght. And the thyrde payment thereof, to be due the. xiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nyne: To be deliuered and payde verely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the tyme being, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, to be payde at or before the last daye of October, in every of the sayde three yeres, without paying any thyng to the receauer, or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receipte thereof, for any acquittauce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receipte of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof to be geuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for the wytyng of every of the same acquittances, or discharge, for every of the same paymentes.

Item your sayde graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that every Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolved within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall lyke wyse paye to your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, foure shyllynge of every pounce of the sayde pensions, within the sayde three yeres, at suche dayes and tymes, as are before specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllynge shalbe made verely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proportion of sixtene pence the pounce, every of the sayde three yeres, to be deliuered and payde by your hyghnes receauers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions, vnto your Maiesties vble, at suche tyme and to suche persons, as the Subsidye of foure shyllynge the pounce aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunte, that every Priest or Minister stipendarie, receauing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuities, of sixe poundes, xiii. s. iiii. d. or aboue, within the
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sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the ble of your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, sixe shyllynges and eyght pence, in euery of the sayd thre yeres, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayd Subsidye shall be payde. And for defaulte of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery Parson, vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyrnyng any Priest or Minister, to serue in any place, shall be aunswerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd vi. s. viii. d. for the sayd Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde thre yeres, and shall and may make retention of his and theyr wages, quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with, by this present graunt, euery of the sayde thre yeres.

Item your sayd Prelates and Cleargie further do graunte, that euery Archbyschop and Byschop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shall be Collectours of this Subsidye within theyr proper dioces, duryng the sayde thre yeres, other then of the pensioners aforesayde. And the sayde Archbyschop, Byschop, or the See being voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifie into your Maiesties court of Erchequer, vnder theyr seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priests and Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October, yerely duryng the sayde thre yeres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do most humbly beseeche your Maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your sayde Maiestie, and your hygh Court of Parliament (for the speedy payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidye, or of any part therof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any part therof, to the ble of your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons, appointed to receaue the same by your hyghnes, or by the sayde Lord hygh Tresourer or Subtresourer: that the sayd person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes next after such appointment, receaue or cause to be receaued, the money so offered to be payde, without any further delay: And shall deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receipt therof, to the said Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery such particuler payment. And that euery such auditour as is or shall be appointed to take or receaue thaccompt of any suche Collectour or Collectours, shall within sixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truely & indifferently take the sayde accompte, and make allowaunce, as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery such person & persons, appointed to receaue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forsayte for euery defaulte or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offeryng to make payment or accompte,
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as is aforesayde, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moytie therof, to be to your Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greued, the same to be payde vpon complainte made to the sayde Lorde Tresourer, vnder Tresourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Erchequer, who vpon such complaynte, shall presently examine the matter, and fyndyng defaulte, shall commit thoffender to warde, there to remaine vntyll he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forsayted.

And for the better leuying and recoueryng of the sayde Subsidy, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do lyke wyse moste humbly besech your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to saye: That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidye, and of euery parte and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, maye haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse all such wayes and meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and maye make accompte thereof, before the Lorde hygh Tresourer or vnder Tresourer of England, for the tyme beyng, or any other officers by your hyghnes, or your court of Erchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place, as your Maiestie lyke wyse shall assigne, in such wyse, and after suche fourme onely, as the sayde Archbishops and Bishops be now charged to make accompte for the said perpetuall disme or tenth, wherby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any particuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbents, and such others as be bound to paye the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, and Chapitour, gatheryng that whiche they can receaue, and makyng payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificat, to be made before the last daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres, vnto your hyghnes court of Erchequer: And that sixe pence of euery pounce, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the receipte of your Maiesties Erchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnes to appoynte, shall be allowed to the sayde Collectour vppon his accompte for the same, in euery of the sayde three yeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the same Subsidye.

And moreouer, that it maye be enacted lyke wyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidye shall be once due by vertue of this graunte, in any of the sayde three yeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidye, beyng at any tyme, after that the same payment shall be

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shalbe due, lawfully monyshed, eyther personally, or at his Dignitie Stall, Church, or Mansion house, by the Archbysshop or Bysshop of the dioces, or theyr deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour, the See being boyde, or by any theyr deputie or deputies, aucthorised in that behalfe, to appeare by hym selfe or his deputie, at a certayne day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and presired, then and there to paye suche part of the sayde Subsidye, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunte shalbe due: do not eyther at the same daye and place so to hym signified and presired, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the sayde Subsidye, whiche then by hym shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbysshop, or Bysshop, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng boyde, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputation from the sayde Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane and Chaptour, vnder his or theyr scale in that behalfe, beyng redye at the same daye and place so signified and presired, to receaue the sayde Subsidye then due, and openlye demaundayng the same, or els paye the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche presired daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidye, in and at the sayde place and daye before presired:) that then euery Incumbent so makynge defaulte of payment, of his parte of the sayde Subsidye, in any of the sayde three yerres, after suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer, in wrytyng vnder the scale and hande wrytyng of any Archbysshop or Bysshop, or of the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng boyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidye, so that the sayde certificat shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde court of Exchequer, before the laste daye of October, in euery of the sayde three yerres: shall forsayte and lose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche he maketh suche defaulte of payment, and whereof suche certificat shalbe made, and shalbe thereof deppryued ipso facto. And the sayde promotion from and after the daye of the deliuerie of the sayde certificat, into your hyghnes court of Exchequer, shalbe clerely boyde and destitute of incumbent, in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche incumbent, makynge suche defaulte of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificat of any suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effect ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimæ dominæ nostræ, dominæ Elizabeth, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c. vester humilis E. permissione diuina. L. Episcopus, autoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parlamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouisi, ad colligendum & leuandum subsidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parlamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuariensis prouinciæ concessum, videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda. xxiiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœsim nostram. L. deputatus, & authorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & authorizatum, sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti subsidij pro dictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti subsidij debiti soluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maij, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem schedula præsentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die Anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo. **The fourme of whiche schedule aboue mentioned, ensueth,** videlicet:

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Decanatus de A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad soluendum apud Ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè sequente illam partē Subsidij per se debitam. xxiiij. die Maij vltimo præterito pro promotione sua prædicta. Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea, summam per se debitam, vt præfertur, non soluit nec satisfecit: neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

Provided alwayes, that yf any person or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunte to any payment of this Subsidye, shall proffer or tender payment of any summe due to the Archbysshop or Bysshop, or to the Deane and Chaptour, where the see is boyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane, and Chaptour aforesayde, at any tyme befoze the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforesayde, that then notwithstanding the certificat made, as is aforesayde, agaynst any such person, the sayde incumbent or person, against whom the certificat was so made, shall and maye auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforesayde. And yf the same shalbe tried, eyther by sufficient wytnesses

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Wytnesses before the Lorde Treasourer, or Barons of the Erchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, bypon an issue therebypon to be ioyned betwixt the same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for hym dyd offer or tender the payment of the summe due, as is aforesayde: That then euery suche incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions styll, as though no certificat of defaulte of suche payment hadde ben made, or exhibited: Any thyng in this graunte or Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further that it maye be enacted lyke wyse, that euery Arch-bishop, and Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant, and other persons chargeable, to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidye, of foure shyllinges the pounde, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, shall and maye haue bypon euery payment of the same Subsidye, made to the Lorde hygh Treasourer, or Undertreasourer of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your hyghnes, or your court of Erchequer, to appointe for the receipte thereof, in euery of the sayde threer peres, a sufficient acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est in wytyng of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or Undertreasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as eyther your hyghnes or your sayde court of Erchequer shall assigne, for the receipte thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben accustomed, the same acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, wytnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the sayde Subsidye, as shalbe so receaued. And that euery suche acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, in wytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or Undertreasourer, for the tyme beyng, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your hyghnes, or your sayde court of Erchequer, to appointe for the same receipte, or of suche others, as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben vsed, shall and maye be good and effectuell in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that euery of the sayde Collectours shall paye but only thre shyllings and foure pence, for euery general and finall acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, for euery peres payment of the sayd Subsidye. And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche bypon payment of any parte of the sayde Subsidye, shalbe made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidye, or of any

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payment thereof, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorye and chargeable to and with the same Subsidye, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all suche summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged, to be receaued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or parte of the same Subsidye. And that none acquittance of any other person or persons, made before suche certificat, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidye, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forsayture, specified in this graunte.

And to the intent it maye be knowen to the court of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittance: Euery Archbysshop, Bysshop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng boyde, shall perely with the certificat of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to be appointed, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte of the prouince of Canterburie, or any gooddes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vppon the same, or els where, appertaynyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorye, to any fyfteenth or tenth, or any other Subsidye, alreedy graunted to your hyghnes by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, durynge the tearme of the sayde three yerres.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedral and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidye for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to theyr seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Homes, are clerely and distinctly limited, and to theyr owne onely bles seuered, thereof to paye the tenth parte, beyng deducted foure shyllynges of euery pounce, within the sayde three yerres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spiritual promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your hyghnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person

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person or persons whatsoever, geuen, graunted, bequeathed, detti-
led, or impropried vnto the sayd Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches
or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be assigned or
vnto, eyther for or towarde the yerely maintenaunce of poore men,
Schoolmasters, Tishers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Cho-
rall readers of diuinitie, singing men, Choristers, Clergers, or of
any other necessarie and dayly officers or ministers, in suche Cathe-
drall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for
or towarde the reedifying or repayyng of any of the same Cathe-
drall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fa-
bricam Ecclesiæ; shall not be charged with any part of this Sub-
sidye. The certaintie of whiche portions, as well chargeable to this
Subsidye, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbysshop or
Bysshop of the dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and
Chaptoir, vpon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder
his or theyr seale, into your hyghnes sayde court of Erchequer, be-
fore the sayde last day of October, in euery of the sayde thre yerres.

Provided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall
person, payng any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in
the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may reteyne
sixteene pence of euery pounde, of euery suche pension euery yere,
duryng the sayde thre yerres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration
that he is charged to paye this Subsidye of foure shyllynges the
pounde, out of euery pounde of the whole value of his promotion.

Provided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do mosse
humbley beseeche your hyghnes, that it maye be enacted by your
Majesties auctoritie, and your hygh Court of Parliament, that
where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions,
tythes, pensions, portions, fructes, and other hereditamentes, late-
ly belongyng to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places
and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouince of Canter-
bury, whiche were geuen and assigned, to be bestowed and spent
to and on the fyndyng and maintaynyng of certayne Chauntries,
Annuersaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges,
intenttes, and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession
of the late Kyng of famous memorie Edward the sixte, by force of
a Statute thereof made in the fyrst yere of his late raigne, as by
the sayde estatute more playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathe-
drall Churches, and the Bysshops, Deanes, or Presideters and
Chaptours of the same, and all other places and persons, or any of
them, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses
or any of them, dyd lately appertayne: shall not duryng the sayde
thre yerres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidye of
and for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall
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promotions and other hereditamentes, or any of them, whereunto the sayde late Kyng by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out, or due to be payde vnto your Maestie, out of the premysse, nor any part therof: But only of and for all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fructes, and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet styll remaine not diuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedral Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde. And that deduction and allowaunce thereof be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and vppon euery payment of this sayde Subsidye, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall dyne or tenth, remainyng of recorde in your hyghnes court of Erchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yerely paymentes, whereunto the sayde late Kyng was intituled or possessed of, or whiche otherwysse haue ben seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedral Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premysed: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provyded also, that this Subsidye graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of students, or College, scituate or set within eyther of the vniuersities of Oxorde and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues vnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayd vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Students or College in any of the same vniuersities, vnited, appropriated, or appertaynyng, or of the Colleges of Wyndso, or Eton nygh Wyndso, or of the College called saint Marie College by Wynechester, founded by Wylliam Wyckham, sometyme Byshop of Wynechester, or of any Hospitales, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Church, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitales, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwysse appertaynyng.

Provyded alwayes, that all Parsons, vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue sire poundes, thyrteene shyllinges, & foure pence, by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall not be charged with this Subsidy, or any parte thereof.

Provyded also, that euery vicar, whose benefice is aboue sire poundes, thyrteene shyllinges, and foure pence, and not aboue tenne poundes by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall paye euery yere

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pere of the sayde three peres, onely sixe shyllyngs eyght pence for his parte of the sayde Subsidye, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to paye, by force of this graunt, and not otherwyle.

Provided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, freechappels, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllynges, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunte to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidye, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, purpote, effecte, and true meanyng of this present graunte: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargie, mosse humblye desyre your hyghnes, that this theyr sayde gyfte, graunte, and Subsidye, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernyng the sayde Subsidye, maye be ratified, establyshed, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of your hyghnes court of Parliament.

Wherfore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidye, graunted by the sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, establyshed, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidye, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to leuie, take, and perceaue the same Subsidye, by the aucthoritie of the Censures of the Church: That is to saye, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fructes and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fructes, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vppon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenements, chargeable by the sayd instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or other:

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otherwyle, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or superfedas shalbe allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of payment of the sayde Subsidye, contrarpe to the tenour of the graunte thereof, vntyll suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery suche farmour and farmours, theyr executors and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged, to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidye, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his verely rente and farme, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leassour, shall extende vnto, except the sayde farmour or farmours, theyr executors and assignes, by the lease and graunte that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites, and tenementes, chargeable to this sayde Subsidye, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge theyr Leassour and Landlorde, duryng the terme mentioned in the sayde lease.

And lykwyle be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidye, beyng oftentymes remouable, do serue aswell in diuers impropriations, belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other impropriations, and in other spirituall promotions, belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recovery of the sayde Subsidye, it maye be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the sayde Subsidye, theyr deputie or deputies, to leuie the sayde Subsidye vppon the farmour and farmours, or occuppers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd, and euery of them, or by waye of distresse, of the tythes of the sayde impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwyle, vppon the goodes and cattels of the sayde farmour or farmours, and occuppers; in whiche case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other procelle, awarded to the contrarpe, shalbe obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrarpe hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vled, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vled, to the contrarpe, in any wyle notwithstanding.

And that it maye be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers, and ministers of such Archbyschop, Byschop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not payment of the sayde Subsidye, after the same shalbe due in any of the sayde three yerres, to prayse and value the sayde distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neyghbours, by hym to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so prayed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne so

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so muche money, as shall amounte to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour, suffeyned in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be deliuered and payde to the owner or occupyer thereof.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, chattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidye graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, taxed, and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwyle: any thyng before mentioned to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect, in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterbury: and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and fourme, as though it were specially, playnely, and particularly expresse, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be obserued and kept in euery point and article, accordyng to the true purporthe and meaning of the same.

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An Acte of one Fyfteene

and Tenth, and of one Subsidie, graunted
by the Temporaltie.



E your Maiesties moste humble Subiectes, meanyng (acordyng to our most bounden dueties) to present vnto your Maiestie, by waye of Subsidie, some reliefe, for the great extraordinarie charges, susteyned in the defence of your Maiesties dominions and countreys, agaynst sundrye daungerous attemptes: can not forbear, but with all humblenesse, most thankfullye to set before the same our moste lowly thanks,

for three speciall matters proceadyng from your Maiestie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this present assemblee.

First, for the most princely consideration hadde of vs, in the forbearng at this tyme some portion of that, which acordyng to the greatnesse and necessitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yelded vnto your Maiestie.

Secondly, for the most comfortable assuraunce and promyse, by your Maiestie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and suretie, your Maiestie woulde mary, as soone as God shoulde geue you oportunitie to accomplyshe the same, wherof we haue receaued infinite comfort, and shall praye to almighty God to further and prosper all your Maiesties actions tending therevnto, that we your moste naturall Subiectes, maye speedly see some noble issue of your body, to continue perpetually by discent the succession of this imperiall Crowne.

Thirdly, for the great hope and comfort we haue conceaued, by the meanes of your Maiesties most honourable speache vttered and declared vnto vs, of your most gracious and princely disposition and determination, when tyme shall thervnto serue conueniently, with the suretie of your Maiesties person, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further stablyshyng of the succession of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iustice shall require the same, after the succession of this issue of your body. In which your gracious disposition and care for vs, we moste humbly beseeche almyghtie God to continue your Maiestie, and to prosper

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your intentions and actions, to establishe that, whiche with assent of your Realme in parliament, may be agreable and consonant to lawe and iustice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayse, honour, and memorie of your Maiestie, and yours perpetually: And that touching the graunt of your sayde Subsidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowynge.

BE IT ENACTED, that your hyghnesse, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maintenaunce of your royall estate, shall haue by auctoritie of this present Parliament, one fyfteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuied, of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thynges vsuall to suche fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributozie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Borowghes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme afozetye bled: except the summe of sixe thousande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, in reliefe, comfort, and discharge of the pooze Townes, Cities, and Borowghes, of this your sayde Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after suche rate as was and hath afoze this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole fyfteene and Tenth, hath ben had and deuided. And the sayde fyfteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction afozesayde, therebpypon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saye, the one moitie thereof (except befoze excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the receipt of your hyghnes Exchequer, befoze the fyrt day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the other moitie of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth (except befoze excepted) to be payde to your hyghnes, in the sayde receipt of your Exchequer, befoze the fyrt day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. 1568.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the knyghtes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeses of Borowghes and Townes, where Collectours haue ben bled to be named and appoynted, for the collection of any fyfteene and Tenth, befoze this tyme graunted, shall name and appoynte onlpe befoze the last day of August, in eyther of the sayde two yeres, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth, in euery of the sayde Shires, Cities, Borowghes, and Townes, the sayd persons then hauyng landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne ryght, of an estate of inheritaunce, of the yerely value of. x.li. or in goodes worth a C.li. at the least. And also suche person

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person or persons, so by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde fifteene and Tenth, shalbe by them seuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And also the sayde persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the said seuerall moities of the sayde fifteene and Tenth, shalbe seuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Exchequer, to be made, with the seuerall moities of all suche summe or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shall so happen to be appoynted, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes, and vpon the payment of such summes of money, as he or they shall so be charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his and their Quierus est, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the sayde Collectours, for the seuerall moities of the said fifteene and Tenth, durynge eyther of the sayd two yerres, together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherevnto they be elected, named, and returned: shall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the same two yerres, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte. And yf default of any suche certifying be had or made, in fourme as is aforesayde: then the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or heper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, shall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectours, for the collection of eyther of the sayd moities of the sayde fifteene and Tenth, in maner and fourme as the sayde Knights of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes shoulde haue done, and as aforesayde hath ben vbled. The which sayd Collectours, and euery of them, so to be named and appoynted as is aforesayde, shall haue allowaunce vpon their accomptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moitie of the sayd fifteene and Tenth ratably, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any season in tyme past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, shall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde such procelle for the speedy payment of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde fifteene and Tenth, agaynst the Collectour and Collectours of the same, as by their discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour, or heper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knights of the Shire, Citi-

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zens of Cities, and Burgesles of Boronghes, Townes, and other places, hauyng aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde fyfteene and tenth: shall bypon their nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be endorsed by such condition, that yf the sayd Collectour or Collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yerres, so much of the summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and gathered, and do lyke wyse after the sayd first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yerres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. which Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Rnyghtes of the shire, Citizens, and Burgesles, and euery of them, takyng any such Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Tresourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yerres, bypon payne of forfayture of .x. li. to the Queenes highnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken & not certified. And that euery such Collectour, bypon request to hym made, shall make and knowlege the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, bypon lyke payne of forfayture of .x. li. to the Queene, for his refusall therof. And that the Tresourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, bypon the payment of the same collection, at the said dayes, shall cancel and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayd Collectour or Collectours, without any other warraunt, and without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermoze, for the great and wayghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lorde spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our like assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyyes, and successours, one entyre Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spiritual and tempozal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to say, aswell
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of every person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, as of all and every Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Communitie, corporate, or not corporate, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for every pounce, as well in copne, and the value of every pounce that e-
 ny such person, Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, Communitie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their use: as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, all maner of corne and graine, household stuffe, and of all other gooddes moueable, as well within the Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money, as to hym or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience surely to be payed: Except, and out of the premises deducted, such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth truly to paye, and excepte also the apparell of every such persons, their wyues and children, belongyng to their owne bodies, sayng Jewels, golde, silver, stone, and pearles: shall paye to and for the first payement of the saide Subsidie, xii. d. of every pounce, and to and for the seconde payement of the saide Subsidie, x. d. of every pounce. And also every Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, as well Denizen, as others, inhabytyng within this Realme, of every pounce that he or they haue in copne, and the value of every pounce in plate, corne, graine, marchaundizes, household stuffe, or other gooddes, Jewels, cattels, moueable, or immoueable, as is aforesaid, as well within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money, to him or them owyng, whereof he or they truste in his or their conscience to be payed: Except, and out of the same premises deducted, every such summe or summes of money, whiche he or they do owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intende truly to paye: shall paye of and for every pounce, to and for the first payement of the saide Subsidie, ii. s. and to and for the seconde payement of the saide Subsidie, x. d. of every pounce. And also that every Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes Dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not beyng contributorye to any the rates abovesaid, shall paye to and for the first payement of the saide Subsidie, iiii. d. and to and for the second payement of the saide Subsidie, ii. d. for every polle. And the mai-
 ster, or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe abiding at the tyme of the taxatton or taxations thereof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payement thereof.

AND bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and every Corporation, Fraternitie, Guilde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Communitie, corporate, or not corporate, for every pounce that every of the

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same persons, and every Corporation, Fraternitie, Gylde, Miste-
rie, Brotherhead, and Cominaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or a-
ny other to his or their use, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of
lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardship, or by coppe of court roll,
of, & in any honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes,
seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yere-
ly profites, of the yerely value of. xx.s. aswell within auncient des-
meane, and other places prynced, or els where, and so bywardes:
shall paye to and for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie. xvi. d. of
and for every pounce, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayd
Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for every pounce. And every Alien, denizen,
or not denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeyssaunce, in suche case, to
paye at the first of the sayd paymentes. ii. s. viii. d. of every pounce,
and at the seconde payment. ii. s. viii. d. of and for every pounce. And
that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for
goodes and debtes, or either of them, or for landes and tenementes,
and other the premises, as is in this Acte conteyned, shall be at ey-
ther of the sayd paymentes, set and taxed after the rate and portion,
acordyng to the true meanyng of this Act (landes and tenementes,
chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yerely wages due to
seruauntes for their yerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruaun-
tes, takyng yerely wages of. b. ii. or above, onely excepted and for-
pysed.) And that all plate, copne, Jewels, goodes, debtes, and cat-
tels, personals, beyng in the rule and custodie of any person and per-
sons, to the use of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Gylde, Mysterie,
Brotherhead, or any Cominaltie, beyng corporate, or not corporate,
he and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this Act, as the va-
lue certified by the presentours of that Certificat, of every pounce
in goodes and debtes, as is abovesaid, and of every pounce in lan-
des, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites,
as is abovesaid, and the summes that are before rehearsed, set and
taxed, to bee leuyed and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes
in custodie, or other wise charged for landes, as is before rehearsed.
And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by auctoritie
of this Acte, shalbe discharged against hym or the that shall or ought
to haue the same, at the tyme of the payment or deliuey therof, or at
his otherwyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same.
Except and alwaies forpysed fro the charge and asselment of this
Subsidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches
and Chappels, whiche haue been ordeyned and used in Churches
or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of almighty God.

And the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe by thauctho-
ritie aforesayd, taxed, asselmed, and rated acordyng to this Act, in every
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and every other place, within this Realme of England, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the tenth day of february nexte commyng. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctoritie aforesayde, taxed, assessed, and rated, before the tenth daie of february, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxvii. And the particular summes of every Shyre, Rydyng, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayd, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable for and to the first payment of the said Subsidie, to be taxed and set by the Commissioners to the same limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, & in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the tenth daie of Marche nexte commyng. And the particular summes of every Shire, Rydyng, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable for and to the second payment of the said Subsidie, to be taxed and set by Commissioners, to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the .x. daie of Marche, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxvii. And the said summes, in fourme aforesaid, to be taxed to and for the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe paste into the Queenes receipte of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Ladie, before the first daie of Aprill next commyng. And the saide summes in maner and fourme aforesayde, to be taxed for the second payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe paid into the receipt aforesaid, to the vse aforesaid, before the first daie of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxvii. And the summes abovesaid, of, and for the said Subsidie, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Ladie, her heires, and successours, in fourme abovesayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, aunciente demeane, and other whatsoever place, exempte, or not exempt, as without: excepte suche Shires, places, and persons, as shalbe forerprised, in, and by this present Acte: Any graunte, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters Patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoever other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obtained, notwithstanding.

AND it is further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that every suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, as every other person straunger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabityng within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, whiche at the tyme of the said assellynges or taxations, or of either of them, to be had or made,

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made, shalbe out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and have goodes
or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profittes
within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for
the same, by the Certificat of the inhabitauntes of the place, where
suche goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then
shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, Depu-
tie, or attourney, shall haue his most resort vnto, within this realme,
or in Wales, in like maner, as if the said person were, or had been at
the time of the said assessing within this Realme. And that every person
abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme,
shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this
Act, accordyng and after the rate of such perely substance, or value
of landes and tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses,
as every person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in the tyme of the said
assessyng or taxation vpon hym to be made, and in none otherwise.

AND further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that for
the sellyng and orderyng of the saide Subsidie, to bee duely had, the
lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or the lorde keeper of the greateseale,
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Maiesties household, the lorde President of the Queenes honorable
Councell, and the lorde Priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or twoo of
them at the least, whereof the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or
keeper of the greateseale for the tyme beyng, to be one: shall and make
name and appoint, of, and for every Shire, and Ridyng, and other pla-
ces, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Queenes
dominions, and also of, and for every citie and Towne, being a Cossi-
tie of it self, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certain number
of persones of every of the same Shires, Ridynges, Lathes, wapen-
takes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and every other
place, as thei shall thynke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and
within the same place, whereof thei bee inhabitauntes, and also of
and for the honorable household of the Queenes Maiestie, in what
shire or other places the saide household shall happen then to be. And
the lorde Chauncellour, or Lorde keeper of the greateseale, and other
with him before named, or twoo of them as is aforesaid, in like maner
make name and appoint of every other such Borough, and Towne
corporate, as well in Englande, as in Wales, and other the Queenes
dominions, as thei shall thinke requisite. vi. v.iii. iii. or twoo, of the
head officers, and other honest inhabitauntes of every of the saide
Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, according to the number
and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The whiche persons
if any such be therevnto named, of the said inhabitauntes of the
saide Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Countiees of
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persons named for such Shires & Ridings, as the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in them selues, be set, and haue they? beyng. Which persons so named, for and of the sayd Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of they? dwelling in the same, shall not take vppon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premises, out of the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, wherin they be so named only, nor to execute the said Commission within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at suche dayes and times as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shyre and Rydyng, shall thereunto limit and appoynt, within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not being Countie corporate, wherof they be so named, and not out of suche Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be ayding, and assisting with the said other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the said Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery such Citie, Borough, & Towne corporate, not being a countie, to make such fine as the said other Commissioners in the Commission of and for the same Shire or Rydyng so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set, and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, in like maner as yf suche or like summes had ben set and rated vpon euery such person for the said Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, not being Counties, and only put in the sayde Commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this Act after wardes specified & allowed. And the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the keeper of the great Seale of England for the time beyng, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall Commissions: that is to say, to euery Shyre, Rydyng, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, & Houholde, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretio, & any of the other with him afore named and appoynted, as is afore rehearsed, shall be thought sufficient, for the selling and leuying of the sayde Subsidie, in all shires and places, according to the true meaning of this Act, which Commission first the for payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the saide Commissioners, or to one of them, before the. xx. day of January next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the. xx. day of January, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde GOD. M. D. lxxvi. And to euery of the sayde Commissions

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ten Scedules, contayning in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe assyled. By whiche Commission, the Commissioners in every such Commission named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the sayd Commission, shall have full power and auctoritie, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution: And that by auctoritie of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes, sever them selues for the execution of theyr Commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limites of theyr sayd Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betwene them to be communed & agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the Commission to them therein directed. Upon whiche severaunce, every person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Provided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person being assigned to the contrary therof, in any wise shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and every of them, whiche shalbe named, limited, and appoynted accordyng to this Acte, to be Commissioners in every suche Shire, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayde Householde, or any other place, and none other: shall truly, effectually, and diligently for theyr part, execute the effect of this present Act, accordyng to the tenour thereof in every behalfe, and none other wise by any other meanes, without omission, favour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as manye of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and Acte, shall for the taxation of the sayde fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, before the last day of January next commyng: And for the taxation of the sayd second payment of the sayd Subsidie, shall before the last day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, five hundredeth, threescore and seven, by vertue of the Commission delivered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct their severall or ioynite precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitantes shalbe requisite, of the mooste substantiall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitantes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted

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pointed by the sayde Commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within liberties, franchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridynges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Borowghes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of theyr Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, wardes, Lathes, wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto thre or two of them, by theyr discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, straghtly by the same precept charging and commaundynge the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in theyr proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall diuide them selues, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Borowghes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayd, by theyr discretions shalbe limited ther-vnto, to do and accompysh the all that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie, shalbe enioyned, touchyng this Acte. Commaundynge further by the same precept, that he to whose handes suche preceptes shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them sayle to accompysh the same, vpon payne of. xl.s. to be forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limited in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shire, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absente, at the day and place prefixed for that part wherevnto he was limited: shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shal cal, or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitauntes & officers, to whom they haue directed their said preceptes, & which had in commaundement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And if any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawfull excuse, & that let, then be witnessed by othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing refuse to serue in fourme folowing: then euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie. xl.s. and so at euery time appointed by the sayd Commissioners for the same

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taration, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder wrytten, euery of them so makynge default, or refusing so to serue, shall forsayt to the Queenes Maiestie, &c. And vppon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporall oth, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abydyng within the limittes of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or theyr most resorte vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thynges requisite, touchyng the sayde Act, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevppon, as neare as it may be or shall come to their knowledge, truelye to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, as well of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vppon payne of forfaiture of, b. li. or more, to be tared, extracted, and leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Acte shalbe limited or appoynted. And therevppon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare the effecte of theyr charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make theyr certificat, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of persons, as well of aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabityng within this Realme, as of suche persons as be bozne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattelles of fraternities, Gyldeg, Corporations, Brotherheades, Mistreries, and Comminalties, and other as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the seas, haupng goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aforesayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayde. By the which information and shewyng, the sayde person shoulde haue such playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the maner of theyr certificat, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignoraunce. And after such charge, and the statute of the saide Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificat to be made in wryting, conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be bozne without the Queenes obeyssaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, as well of yereley value of landes and

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tenementes, and of suche lyke possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and every thyng to their Certificat requisite and necessarie to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayde persons, another daye and place, to appeare befoze the sayde Commissioners, and charging the sayde persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all waies and means, of the premysse, and then and there, every of them, bypon payne of forfaiture of fourtie shyllynges, to the Queenes Maestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed daye and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in wytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the said graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath been declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At whiche daye and place so to them prefixed, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificat: that then euerye of them so offending, to forsaite to the Queenes Maestie fourtie shyllynges, except there bee a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sicknesse or other wise, by the othes of twoo credible persons there witnessed. And of suche as appeare, ready to make Certificat as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receaue the same Certificat, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substance of euery person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and therebpon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by their agreement among them selues, shall from tyme to tyme openly there prefixe a daie, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of their Commission, by their discretion, for their further procedyng to the saide asselshyng of the same Subsidie, and therebpon at the sayde daye of the sayde certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers, of suche Hundreides, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprisyng and conteynyng in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented befoze them in the sayde Certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement suspect, to be of moze greater value or substance in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substance beforesayde, then bypon suche person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make their precepte or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, commaundyng the same Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, to whom suche preceptes

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Shall be directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprised in the saide precepte, at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and every of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at the same newe prefixed date and place, there to be examined by all waies and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of their greatest substance and beste value, and of all and every summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoever matter concernyng the premises, or any of them, accordyng to this Acte. At whiche daye and place so prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them as shall bee thereunto appointed by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to bee called the sayde persons, whose names shall bee comprised in the sayde precepte, as is beforesaid, for their examination. And if any of those persons whiche shall be warned, as is beforesayde, to bee examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed date, shall bee within suche place where he maie haue knowledge of his saide appearaunce to bee made, make default, and appeare not, unlessse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of twoo credible persons, before the saide Commissioners bee truly alleged for his discharge: that then every of them so making default, to bee taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and at the double summes of the rate that he should or ought to haue been set at, for and after the beste value of his landes or substance bypon hym certified, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being. whiche Commissioners shall trauaile wyth euerye of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shall be expressed in the said precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspecte was or shalbe had, in fourme abovesayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of their beste value, either in hereditamentes, or possessions, either els in goodes or debtes. And that every Spirituall person, at either of the sayde taxations of the sayde Subsidie, shall bee rated and sette accordyng to the rate abovesayde, of, and for every pounce that the same Spirituall person, or any other to hys use, hath by discente, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yerres, by execution, by warde, or by coppe of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and verely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes bozne within this Realme, bee charged, in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the verely value of twentie Shyllynges or aboue.

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And if is further enacted, that if any the said taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in their inquirie, taxation, assessement, or certificat, but shall affectionatly, corruptly, or partial-lye demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wise, that the Commissioners shall by their consideration deeme them offenders, woorthie of punishmente for not doyng their dueties therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie, for this Subsidie, shall haue power and auctoritie, by their discretions epyther to charge the sayde assessours, vpon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesaide in that behalfe, or els by their discretions to taxe and sette vpon euery of the sayde assessours, for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, suche a fine or payne, as they shall thynke good, so that it excede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fine or payne, at theyr discretions to estreate into the Courte of Exchequer. Euerye whiche fyne so taxed and set by foure of the sayde Commissioners, or more, and beyng estreated with the Schedule or bookes of that limit, shall bee leuted and answered to the Queenes vse, in like maner and fourme, to all inter-tes and purposes, as any other summe that shall bee taxed and become due by vertue of this estatute and Acte of Subsidie, and not in any other wise or maner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any maner of balhe, doth fynde hym selfe greued with the same presentmente, selling, or taxyng, and therevpon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shall bee rated, selled, or taxed, or before twoo of them, before the same taxation bee certified into the Courte of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or twoo of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularlye and distinctlye the person so complaynyng, vpon hys othe, and other hys neyghbours, by theyr discretions, of euery hys landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery hys goodes, cattelles and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfecte knowledge thereof had, and perceived by the sayde Commissioners, or twoo of them, whyche shall haue power by auctoritie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or twoo of them, to whom any suche complaynte shall bee made, by their discretion, vpon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, maye abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them iuste, vpon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, shall bee by them estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. And yf it bee proued by witnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so taxed, and sworn, was of

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And also it is enacted by the same aucthoritie, that everie
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haue his moste resorte, at the tyme of the said Certificat to be made,
and no where els. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie, shall
bee rated or tared, for his goodes or landes, but in the Shire and
other place where he shall bee Commissioner. And that if any per-
son chargeable to this Acte, at the tyme of the same asselssyng, hap-
pen to bee out of this Realme, and out of waales, or farre from the
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staunce, value, and other profites of every person, to bee knowne
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sayde. And that the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as
shall bee apointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission or Com-
missions, shall after the rate and rates aforesayde, cause every per-
son to bee sette, rated, and taxed, accordyng to the rate of the sub-
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this Acte, might, or maie bee sette, or tared. And that every person
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he is a Commissioner for this Subsidie, if he bee a Commissioner,
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same Countie or place where suche person is moste resiaunte, or
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sauncie, hauyng of familie, or beyng a Commissioner: shall bee a
sufficente discharge for the taxation of that person in all other
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taxed. And that suche certificat, without any plea or other circumstance, shall bee a sufficiente warraunte, as well to the Barons and Auditour and Auditours of the saide Courte of Exchequer, as to all and every other Officers, to whom the allowaunce thereof shall appertaine, payng for such discharge & allowance, only. vi. d. and no more.

Provided alwaies, that every suche person, whiche shall be rated, or taxed, accordyng to the intente and true meanyng of thys Acte, for paymente of and to this Subsidie, for, and after the verelye value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profits, at any of the saide taxations, shall not after bee sette and taxed for his goodes and cattelles, or other his mouable substance at the same taxation, and that he that shall bee set, charged, or taxed for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, cattelles, and other mouables, at any of the sayde taxations, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall not after bee charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profits abovesaide, at the same taxations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taxation bee double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor sette nor taxed at severall places by reason of this Acte. But if any person happen to be double sette, taxed, or charged, either in one place, or at severall places: then he to bee discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, accordyng to the meanyng and intente of this Acte. Any thyng contained in this presente Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that it bee ordained and enacted by the saide authoritie of this presente Parliamente, that no person hauyng twoo mansions, or twoo places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe household seruante, or waityng seruante to the Queenes Maieste, or other Lorde, or Ladie, Maister, or Maistresse, bee excused vpon his sayng, from the taxes of the saide Subsidie, in neither of the places where he maie bee sette or taxed, vntesse he byng a certificat in wrytyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so sette or taxed in deede at one place. And if any person that ought to bee sette and taxed to this presente Subsidie, by reason of his reynouyng or resoytyng to twoo places, or by reason of his sayng that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwellyng or abidyng in any place, not beyng forpriued in this Acte, or other wise, by his couine or craft, or by any wordes or saynges, or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessor of others, happen to escape from the saide taxations of this Subsidie, or any of them, and bee not sette and taxed, according to the true intente of this Acte, and that proued by presentment, examination, information, or other wise, before the said Commissioners, or twoo of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, or twoo Iustices of the peace, of the Countie where

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taxed at, by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value to bee le-
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sioners, befoze whom he shall bee conuicted for his offence and de-
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And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that
the saide Commissioners in euery Commission, shall accordyng to
their deuisions, and after thei bee deuised, haue full power and au-
thoritie by this Acte, to sette, taxe, and selle euery other Commis-
sioner, toyned with them in euery suche Commission and deuision,
and shall also assesse euery Assessor within their deuision, for his
and their goodes, landes, and other the premises, as is abouesaid:
by the whiche saide Commission, the said Commissioners shall in-
differently sette, taxe, and assesse them selues and the said Assessours.
And that as well the summes bypon euery of the saide Commis-
sioners and Assessours, so selled, rated, and taxed, as the summes made
and presented by the presenters sworne as is abouesaid, shall bee
written, certified, sette, and estreated, and the estreates thereof to be
made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the li-
mittes of the same Commission and deuision, so to bee gathered and
leued, in like maner as it ought or should haue been, if the sayde
Commissioners had not been in the sayde Commission. And that
all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate a-
boue, shall bee charged with their free holde, and value, as is aboue-
sayde, by the Chauncellour, or Lorde Keeper of the greates Seale of
Englande, the high Tresourer of Englande for the tyme beyng,
and other suche persons, as by the Queenes Matesties aucthoritie
or commaundemente, shall bee named and appointed, and thei to bee
charged for the saide seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, af-
ter the fourme of the sayde graunte, accordyng to the taxation afoze-
sayde. And the summes of and bypon them, to bee sette and taxed,
with the names of the Collectours, appointed for the gathering
and payng of the same, to bee estreated, deliuered, and certified at
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after the taxes and assesses of the said summes, vpon and by the said assessing and certificat, as is aforesayde, made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee thereto appointed, and haue auctoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission: that with all speede, and without delaye, by the writinge estreated of the said tax thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee appointed, at the least, shall bee deliuered vnto sufficiente and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes, and other officers iointly, of Hundreides, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayde, within their limittes, or to other sufficiente persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the said Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed and sette, of, and vpon every person, as well man as woman chargeable to this Acte, householders, and all other inhabitants and dwellers within the said Parishes, Townes, and places, contributorie to this Acte of Subside. By auctoritie of whiche writinge or estreate so deliuered, the sayde Officers and other persons so named and deputed severally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the deliuerie of the sayde writinge or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of every person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writinge or estreate comprised, and for non paymente thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so being behynde, by their goodes and catelles, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of eight dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner doo not paie suche summe of money as shall bee taxed by auctoritie of this Acte, within the same eight dayes: then the same distresse to bee appraised by foure, three, or two of the inhabitants where suche distresse is taken, and also then to bee solde by the sayde Constable, or other Collectours, for the paiemente of the said money, and the ouerplus commynge of the sale and keepynge thereof (if any be) to bee immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. Whiche sayd Officers and other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leuie the said summes, shall answer and bee charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limited, to bee gathered, leuied, and comprised in the said writinge of estreate, so to them, as is aforesaid, deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and her heires and successours, and the said summe in that writinge or estreate comprised, to paye vnto the hogg Collectour or Collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and forme vnder written, thereto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitants and officers, so gathering the same particular summes,

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summes, for their collection thereof, shall receive for every .xx. s. so by them received and paid, two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the high Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the said auctoritie, that the said Commissioners, or the more parte of them, as shall take upon them the execution and business of the said Commission, shall for every of the same paymentes of the said Subsidie, name suche sufficient and hable persones, whiche then shall have and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right, of the verely value of .xx. li. or goodes to the value of two hundredeth markes at the least, in Shires, Ridynges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsover places, as well within places privileged, as without, not being foreprised within this Acte to be high Collectours, and to have the collection and receipt of the said summes, set, and leivable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shall bee so limited and appointed to be high Collectours. And to every of the said Collectours so severally named, the said Commissioners, or two of them at the least, with all speede, and without delay, after the said whole summe of any payment of the said Subsidie, bee set by all the limittes of the same their Commission, or in suche limittes as the high Collectours shall be so severally assigned: shall under their seales and signes manuell, deliver one estreate indented in parchment, comprisyng in it, the names of all suche persons, as were assigned to leise the said particylar summes, and the summes of every Hundred, wapentake, Towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, accordyng to the estreate so first thereof made and delivered, as is aforesaid. And the Collectours so to be assigned, shall be charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the said estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, having auctoritie by this Acte, to name and nominate the said high Collectours of the said Subsidie: shall immediately upon the nomination and election, take by auctoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisances or Obligations, without any fee or reward to be paid therfore, of every person so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made upon suche condition: That is to saie, for the collection of the said first payment of the said Subsidie, that if the said Collectour, his heires, or executors, doo trulyly contente and paie to the use of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successors, in the receipt of the said Exchequer, at or before the said first date of Aprill next ensuyng, so much of the said

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sayde summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and contente and paie the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth nexte after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: That then the saide Recognisaunces or Obligations to bee boide, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde paymente of the sayde Subsidie, vpon condition, that if the saide Collectour, his heires, or executours, doo truely contente and paye to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successours, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the firste date of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxviii. so muche of the saide summe of money allotted and appointed to his collectiō, as he shall collect and gather, and contente and paie the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth nexte after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the saide Recognisaunce or Obligation to be boide, or els to stande in full strength and vertue, whiche said seuerall Recognisaunces, or Obligations so taken, the saide Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the saide taxations and rates of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, at, and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificat of the saide seuerall taxations of the saide Subsidie, vpon paine of forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery Recognisaunce or Obligation not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, so elected, named, and chosen, vpon request to hym made, shall knowlege and make the saide Recognisaunce or Obligation, vpon like payne and forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for the refusall thereof. And euery Collectour so deputed, hauing the sayde estate in Parchemente, as is aforesayde, shall haue aucthoritie by this Actes, to appointe daies and places within the circuite of his Collection, for the paymente of the saide Subsidie, to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by Proclamation, or other wise, to all the Constables, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundredes, Parishes, Townes, or other places by hym or them limited, to make payment for the said particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertain. And if at the same daie and place so limited and prefixed by the said high Collectour, the sayde Constable, Officers, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, as is aforesayde, for the sayde particular Collection, assigned and appointed within suche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not paie vnto the said high Collectours, the summe within their seuerall Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, due, and comprised in the said estate thereof to them deliuered by the sayde Commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesayde, or

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so muche thereof as they haue by any meane receaued (ii. d. of euery pounce, for the sayde particuler collection, as is aforesayde, alwaies to bee thereof allowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall bee lawfull to the sayde high Collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, Officers, and other inhabitants, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summes, comprised in the sayde estreate and writtyng thereof to them and euery of them as is befoze expessed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to bee gathered and leuted, and behynde and unpaid, by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to bee kepte, apprayed, and solde, as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leue the summes so then beyng behynde and unpaid. And the ouerplus comynge of the sale of the sayde distresse (if any bee) to bee restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwaies, that no person inhabityng in any Citty, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall bee compelled to bee any assessor or Collectour, or, or for any parte of the saide Subsidie, in any place or places out of the said Citty, Borough, or Towne corporate, wher he dwelleth.

And it is also by the saide authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitante, or Officer, or whatsoever person or persons, charged to and for the Collection or receipt of any parte or portion of the sayde Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, accordyng to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as Keeper, Gardian, Deputie, Factor, or Attourney, or, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattelles of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to bee made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knownen, or of, and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, fraternitie, Miserie, or other whatsoever Communitie, beyng incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce, and custodie, any goodes or cattels, at the tyme of the saide assessyng, or any of them to bee made, or whiche for any cause, for and by Collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custodie of any goodes or cattelles of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communitie, fraternitie, Guilde, or Miserie, or any suche other like, or as Factor, Deputie, or Attourney, or, or for any person: shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vpon any suche person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to dye, or departe from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels be so elopned, or in suche priue and covert maner

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maner kepte, as the saide person or persons charged with the same, by estreats or other wytynges from the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee thereunto appointed by the saide Commission, as is aforesayde, can ne maye leuse the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreats, by distresse within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the said paymentes, before the tyme limited to the high Collectour, for his paiement to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipte: then vpon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of suche person or persons as shall bee charged with and for the receipte and collection of the same, before the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where suche person or persons, or other, as is aforesaide, their goodes and cattels, were sette and tared, and vpon plaine certificat thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names, and summes of the saide persons, of whom the saide summes can not be leued and had, as is aforesaide: then aswell the Constables and other inhabitauntes appointed for the saide particuler collection, againste the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the said Exchequer, to bee discharged thereof, and processe to bee made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the said Exchequer, againste suche person, his heires, or executours, so being behinde with his paymente. And ouer that, that the same Commissioners to whom any suche declaration of the premisses shall be made, in fourme aforesaide, from tyme to tyme, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, of, for, and vpon any suche person or persons, or other as is aforesaide, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer Officer, minister, person or persons, of suche place or places where any suche person or persons so owing suche summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes and cattels, wherby any suche person or persons so indebted, his heires, executours, or assigns, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, lades, or tenementes, or other hereditamētes, whiche ought or maie by this Act lawfully be distrained or takē for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenemētes, or other possessions, whereof suche summe or summes which by any suche person or persons, maie, or ought to bee leued, bee it within the limittes of suche Commissio where suche person or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, Marches, or Territories:

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By whiche precept, as well suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse maye be taken, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to distrayne every suche person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours, of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, farmours, & assignes, and all other persons, by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche persons should haue rent, fee, annuittie, or other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the said asseltyng, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, of any suche person or persons beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appeased, and solde, in like maner and fourme, as is aforesaid for the distresse to bee taken, vpon suche persons to bee taxed to the said Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distraine, within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to bee taxed. And if any suche distresse, for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any suche summes by distresse, shall perceaue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of every person, goyng for the execution thereof, for every myle that any suche person so labourerth for the same. ii. d. And every farmour, Tenaunt, Gardian, Factor, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrained, or otherwise charged for paymente of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shall bee of suche summe or summes of hym or them so leued and taken, discharged and acquitted at his nexte daie of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattels, as he that is so distrained had in his custodie and gouernaunce, against hym or them that shall bee so taxed and set: any graunt or writyng obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary, made heretofore, not withstanding.

And if any suche person that should bee so distrained, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenauntes and farmours maie be distrained, or haue eloynd or hid his goodes and cattelles, whereby he should or might bee distrained, in suche maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not bee knowen or founde, so that the summe, of, or by hym to bee paid in the saide fourme, shall ne can bee conueniently leuied: then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbe therunto appointed, where suche person or persons was taxed and set, by the othes of hym or them that shall bee charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes: the same Commissioners shall make a precepte, in suche maner as is aforesaide, for to at- tache, take, and arrest the body of suche person or persons that ought

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to pay the sayde summes, and by this Act shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to kepe in pryson, within the shire or other place where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynprie, vntyll he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this Act shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery such arrest, to hym or them that shall execute such precept. rr. d. And that euery officer vnto whom such precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe. rr. s. And that no keeper of any Gaile, from his Gaile suffer any such person to go at large by lettynge to bayle, or other wyse to depart out of his pryson, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayd. rr. d. for the said arrest, vpon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie. rr. s. and the same Gaile to pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate whiche the sayd person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde. rr. d. for the fees. And lyke processe & remedie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe therunto appointed, at lyke information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the sayd Subsidie, and not therof payde, but wyfully withdrawn, ne the same leuisable within the limittes where such persons were thereunto tared. And yf the summe or summes, being behynde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leised and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the same Commissioners, or yf in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to pryson in fourme abouesayd: that then the sayde Commissioners whiche shall awarde suche processe, shall make certifficat thereof in the sayd Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowynge after suche summe or summes of money so being behynde, shalbe leised and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same committed to pryson.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Sheriffs, Sherriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborowe, Burgholder, Bailiffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

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nyng to hym made, or els make resistance or rescous, bypon any
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die, or commit any misbehaviour in any maner of wyse contrary
to this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoever
wylfull not doynge, or misdoynge contrary to the tenour of this Acte
or graunt: The same Commissioners, and every number of them
aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, bypon probable
knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information or exa-
mination, shall and may set bypon every suche offendour for every
suche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forsay-
ted, fourtie shillings, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Com-
missioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and every number of
them, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctoritie by this pre-
sent Act, to puny the every suche offendour by imprysonment, there
to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme
to them conuenient: the said fines, if any such be, to be certified by
the said Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes
Majesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the
Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into
the sayde Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of
the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner, as yf the sayd fines had ben set
and taxed vpon the sayd offendours, for the sayd Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Par-
liament, that every of the sayde hygh Collectours, whiche shall ac-
compt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Exchequer,
bypon theyr seuerall accomptes to be yelde, shalbe allowed at every
of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for every pounce li-
mitted to his collection, whereof any such Collectour shalbe char-
ged, and yelde accompt, vi. d. as parcell of their charge: That is to
say, of every pounce thereof, for suche person as then haue had the
particular collection in the Townes and other places as is afore-
said, specified in his collection, ii. d. And other, ii. d. of every pounce
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uered, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng therof
allowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the
busines and labour, for and about the premisses: That is to say,
euery Collectour to paye that Commissioner or Commissioners
which had the ordering of the wrytynges, of, and for the sayd Sub-
sidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had their collecti-
on, for the expences of the sayde Commissioners so takyng vpon
them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clarkes wrytyng the
sayd preceptes and extractes for the sayde collections, the same last
ii. d. of euery pounce to be deuided amongst the saide Commis-
sioners, hauing regarde to their labour and businesse, taken by them
or their sayd Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. For the whiche
part so to the said Commissioners attaynyng, the sayd Commis-
sioners. vi. b. iiii. iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto
appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of
them, soyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayd part, may haue
his remedy against the said Collectour or Collectours, which ther-
of ben and might haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in which the
defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther
Injunction, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe
beyng of the number of the company of this present Parliament,
nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any Collec-
tour or Subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidie, or of
any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make
any presentment or Certificat, other then in the Queenes Maie-
sties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidie, or
any part thereof. And lyke wyle that no other person that shalbe
named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the
execution of this Acte of Subsidie, he, or shalbe assigned or named
head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie,
neyther of any part therof. And that euery such person or persons
whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head
Collectours, in, and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shal not
be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde
Subsidie, or for any part therof. And the sayd Collectours which
shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidie, or for any
part thereof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquitted and dis-
charged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in
the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of
them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any
thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person
receaue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accom-
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every peny or value of every peny so taken, five shillings, & suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taring and asselving of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchment, vnto the Collectour, in maner and fourme befoze rehearsed, deliuered: the sayd Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Act, within the limittes of their Commission, by their agree-mentes, shall haue meeting together, at whiche meetyng, euery of the sayde Commissioners which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and byng forth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the said Commission, the Certi- ficat and presentment, made befoze him and such other Commis- sioners as were limited with him in one limit, so that the same Cer- tificat may be accompted & cast with the other Certificates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesaid, if any be in lyfe, or their executours, or administra- tours of their goodes if they then be dead, shall ioynly and seueral- ly, as they were deuided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion, make one or seueral writtinges indented, cotay- ning in it, as well the names of the saide Collectours, by the Com- missioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes written vnto euery suche Collectours to receaue the said Subsidie. And also al fines, amerciamentes, and other for- fectures, if any such by reason of this Act happen to be within the precinct and limit of their Commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer by the saide Commissioners. In which writting or writtinges indented, so to be certified, shall be playnely declared & expressed the whole & entire summe or summes of the said Subsidie, seuerally limited to the collection of the said Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the said summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in the said Exchequer, shall be compelled ther to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limited to his collection, and not to or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but euery of them shall be seuerally charged for their part limited to their col- lection. And if the said Commissioners, ioyned in one commission, among theselues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Comis- sioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seueral In- detures in fourme aforesaid, of their seueral limits, or seperations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in the

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the Hundredes, Wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke deuisions within their sayde seuerall limittes of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good, to make deuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, so that alway one Collectour shall be charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limited, onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery suche Collectour, vppon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limited within his collection, to be seuerally by hym selfe acquitted and discharged in the sayde Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that, as is aforesayde, shall before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and wytynges thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidie, or any other person, taxed, or otherwyle by this Acte charged with and for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or with any other summes, fine, amerciamment, penaltie, or other forsayture, happen to dye, before the Commissioner, Collectour, or other, whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged that whiche to euery suche person shall appertayne or belong to do, accordyng to this Acte: then the executours and heyres of euery suche person, and all other seased of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this Acte, and deceassynge before he be discharged therof, or any other to his ble onely had, of estate of inheritance, at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyle charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, satisfied, or payde, by reason of this Acte: And all those that haue in their possessions or handes, any goodes, cattels, leasles, or other thynges, that were to any suche person or persons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes, that were the same persons, at the tyme he was (as is aforesayde) charged by this Acte, shall be by the same compelled and charged, to do, and accomplyshe to do, in euery case as the same person so beyng charged shoulde haue done, and myght haue ben compelled to do, yf he hadde ben in playne lyfe, after suche rate, of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his hande. And if the sayd Commissioners, for causes reasonable

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Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the parryshe of Saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamforde, in the South part of the water there, called Wellande, whiche hereafter shalbe contributory to the payment of this present Subsidy, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours: shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for this time, by such Commissioners which shalbe appoynted for the taxing, ratyng, and selling of suche Subsidie or tare, within the Countie of Lyncolie, and

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and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidie to the Collectour or Collectours which shalbe assigned and appointed for the leuying and gatherynge of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgessees of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stamforde.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and every person and persons, having manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also having spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their conuocation, and ouer this, having substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared, for his or their goodes and cattels: that then he or they shalbe only charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or only for his sayd goodes and cattelles, the beste thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrarpe, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers, in Irelande, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, which the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, which any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady, in Ireland, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present Acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also that this present Acte of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englishe inhabitauntes or resiauntes, in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwyche, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bishoppes of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the Towne of Barwicke, the
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Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, or the Bysshopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, westmerlande, the Towne of Barwyche, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshopricke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde taryng, leuyng, gatheryng, or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the said Counties, Bysshopricke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of, and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for their manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and beyng in the sayd Counties, Townes, and Bysshopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquitted and discharged: Any thing in this present Act before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that al letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her mosse noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present time in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuell, to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the great and wayghtie consideration of the graunt abouesayd, be for this graunt charged and contributozie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wise priuileged, but be by this Acte charged.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that no Orphante or Infante within the age of, xxi. yeres, bozne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to him or her left or bequeathed: Any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bysshop Wykeham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton next Wyndsoz, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, only assigned or appoynted for the sustentation and liuinges of the pooze knights, founded in the Castell or Colledge or Wyndsoz by our late Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes, or cattels of the sayd knyghtes, or of any of them, or to the goodes

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goodes, or landes of any common free Grammer schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remayning for studie, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Uniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any their seruantes dayly attendaunt vppon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruantes belonging to any of the said Uniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwelling and resiaunt within the sayde Uniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Heafondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, do not in any wyse extende, or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the five Portes corporate, or to any of theyr members incorporate or vnited to the same five Portes, or to any of the same five Portes, or, or for any part or parcell of the said summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayd inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde five Portes, and theyr members, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng their resiauncie there, and no longer, clearly acquitted and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoever thyng in this present Act, had or made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Monmouth, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, be at this present tyme, charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and severall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, and to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Monmouth, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, with

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with this present Subsidie, or any of the paymentes therof graunted by this Acte, vntyll the last day for them appointed for the payment of the last Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie that now is, be fully expired. And that then the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by this present Act, shalbe by them made at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the first day of November next folowynge after the sayde last day appoynted for the payment of the last Subsidie. And the second payment of this Subsidie, to be made at the sayde receipt of Exchequer, before the first day of June then next folowynge.

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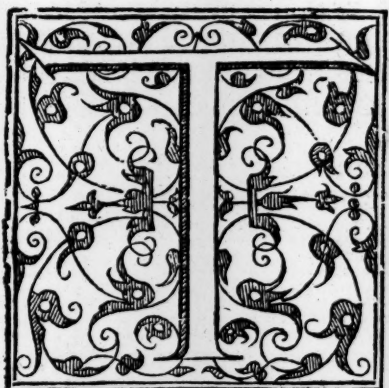
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Maiestie, considering the great zeale
and affection, which her louing and
obedient subiectes beare to her high-
nesse, as by many wayes they haue
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Maiesties raigne, and calling to her
most gracious remembraunce, into
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of her Maiesties lawes, sundry of
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and coueting rather theyr amendementes by gentle and mercyfull
meanes, then with seuerer execution of her highnesse lawes, to be
enryched by theyr euyl deedes and offences, and trustyng assured-
lye, that her sayd louyng subiectes wyll continue in their due obe-
dience and louyng heartes towardes her Maiestie, and that they
from hencefoorth wyl endeuour them selues, as obedient subiectes
to lyue accordyng to her hyghnesse lawes: Her Maiestie is there-
fore mercyfully enclined and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her
sayde louyng subiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and
thereby to deliuer her sayde subiectes from suche daungers, penal-
ties, and forsaytures, as through their offences they haue iustly de-
serued. And therefore her Maiestie is well pleased and contented,
that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, in
maner and fourme folowyng.

That is to say, that all and euery of her sayd Subiectes (as well
spirituall as tempozall) of this her highnesse Realme of Englande,
Males, the Isles of Iernesey and Garnesey, and the towne of Bar-
wyche, the heyyes, successours, ercutours, and administratours of
them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodyes in any maner
of wyse corporated, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Rydynges, Hun-
dredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Wyllages, Ham-
lettes, and Tythmynges, and euery of them, and the successour and
successours of euery of them: shalbe by aucthoritie of this present

Parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, successours, and executors, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, trespasses, intrusions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forsaytures, penalties, & summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall, and pecuniarie, and generallye of all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgementes, and executions, in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyssed, whiche may be or can be by her hyghnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the. xxvi. day of September, in the eyght yere of her most gracious raigne, to euery or any of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, Cities, Borowghes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tythynge, or any of them.

And also the Queenes hyghnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, to euery of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and agaynst all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forpyssed, as the same pardon shoulde haue ben, yf all offences, contemptes, forsaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forpyssed) had ben particularly, singulerly, specially, and playnely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names, in theyr kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therinto requisite to haue ben put in, and expresse in this present Act of free pardon. And that her sayde Subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executors, or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayde bodyes corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them, be nor shalbe sued, bered, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forsayture, trespassse, offence, or any other thing, suffered, done, or committed before the sayde. xxvi. day of September, agaynst her hyghnes, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statute: But only for such matters, causes, and offences, as be playnely rehearsed in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any statute or statutes, lawes, customs, vsages, or president heretofore had, made, or bled, to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Also the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayd bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goodes, cat-

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telles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forsaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forsayted, whiche to her highnes do or should belong or appertaine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entree, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or quarrell, suffred, done, or committed by them, or any of them, before the sayd. xxvi. day of September, which be not hereafter forpyrled and excepted in this present Acte. And that all and euery the Queenes sayde subiectes, and all and singuler bодyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by hym or them selfe, or by his or theyr deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or attorneys, according to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon, for his or their discharge, of and for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thyng in any wyle paying to any person or persons, for wytyng or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng such plea, wytyng, or entrie, but only. xvi. pence to be payde to the officer or Clarke that shall enter the plea, matter, or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any statute, blage, or custome to the contrary, not withstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes hyghnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayd free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of courtes of her hyghnes, and els where, as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forpyrles specified in this present Act, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes, and sentences, mentioned and rehearsed in the sayde free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler her sayde subiectes, bодyes corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge agaynst her hyghnes, her heyres, successours, and executours, in euery thyng, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoever it shall be, to be made, pleaded, or alleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, successours, or executours, or by her or any of theyr generall atturney or attorneys, or by any person or persons for her hyghnes, or any of her heyres, successours, or executours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, and by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any officer or Clarke of any of her hyghnes courtes, commonly called the kynges Bench, Chauncerie, and Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or Clarke of any other of her courtes within this Realme, at any tyme after the last day of this present moneth of December, make out or wyte out any maner of writtes or other procelle, or any extreates, summons, or other preceptes, wher-

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by any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayd bodyes corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, summoned, or otherwise beryed, inquieted, or greued, in his or their bodyes, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cat-tels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf any Shi-riffe or Escheatour, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bay-liffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or other wayes, after the saide last day of December, do leuie, receaue, or take any thing pardoned or discharged by this Act: that then euery such per-son so offendyng, and therof lawfully condemned, shall peelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so greued or offended, tre-ble damages, besides all costes of the suite: And neuerthelesse, all and singuler such writtes, procelle, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or by any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forpypled out of this generall and free par-don, all and all maner of hygh treason, committed or done by any person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte, agaynst the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies trayte-rously had, committed, or done by any person or persons against the Queenes person. And also excepted all and al maner of treasons, committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions. And all suites, punishmentes, executions, and paynes of death, forfay-tures, and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the trea-sons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forpypled out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery piracie and rob-bery done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntary murders and wylfull poysoninges, and all and euery robbery done vpon any per-son or persons in any dwellyng house or houses in the day tyme. And all felonious takyng of any money or bullion out of the house of treasurie or receipt within the Towre of London, and all robbe-ries done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to any of the said offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauyshmentes of women. And all wilfull escapes (aswell) of traytours and felons (as also) of Clarke attaynted. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all persons attaynted or outlawed for any treaso, murther, or robbery. And also (excepted) al and euery maner of takyng from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, of any traytour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, beyng persons attaynted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also all
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goodes and cattels forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felonie heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vpon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the takyng of any the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes lands, or in the wardes landes of any of the Queenes committes. And also all and euery fine and fines, for the single and double value of the maryage or maryages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any tyme growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also al and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidie. And all and singular accomptes of al and euery Collectour and Collectours of any Subsidie, fifteene, Beneuolence, Ayle, or contribution. And of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes hyghnesse, or to her most noble father king Henry the eyght, or to kyng Edward the sirt, or to Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heyres, executours, and administratours of euery such accomptaunt. And all and singular arrerages of accomptes. And al vnttrue accomptes, & al impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, whiche can or may be had of or for any accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) al inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuertying of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme & effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forpyssed out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, assayed, taxed, set, extreated, or entred, seuerally or particularly, touchyng or concernyng any person or persons. And also excepted and forpyssed out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singular monyers, and other officers, minters, or workemen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties mintes, within this Realme, or any other her dominions, and all impetitions and punysshmentes for the same. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all rauysshmentes and wrongfull takyng and withholdyng of any the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any tyme cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or be to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, reliefe and relieves, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seckes, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes hyghnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her noble progenitours,

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genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, fyfteene, benetolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And also all debtes, whiche were, or be due to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or to the most noble kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the seuenth, or to kyng Henry the eyght, kyng Edward the sixth, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons to any of theyr bles, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or other wyse, other then suche as are due vpon any obligation or recognisaunce, forsayte before the sayde. xxvi. day of September, for non apparaunce in any court, or other place, or for not keepyng of the peace, or not beynge of good behauiour. And also excepted and forpyled out of this pardon, all and singuler forsaytures being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by any penaltie of any Acte, statute, or statutes, whiche forsaytures be conuerted into the nature of debt, by iudgement, or by the agreement of the offender or offendours, or els whereof there is any herdict past for the Queene. And also excepted all forsaytures and other penalties and profites growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempt, or other Acte, had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any action, byll, playnt, or information is sued, exhibite or depending in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the Kinges Bench, and the Common place, or before the counsell in the Starre chamber, or whereof the Queenes hyghnes by her byll signed, or other wyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to any person or persons. And also excepted and forpyled out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons, as the. xxiii. day of this present moneth of December, in the. ix. yere of her Maiesties raigne, be in prysen within the Towre of London, or in the prysen of the Marshalsey, or in the flete, and al persons put to execution before the said. xxiii. day of December. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forgyng or counterfayting of any false deedes, escriptes, or writings, and all procuryng or concealing of any such counterfayting or forgyng to be had or made. And also excepted al penalties, forsaytures, and titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of the breache, or not perfourmyng of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this general and free pardon, al and euery such person or persons whiche sythens the begynnyng of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions for any offence of hygh treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touchyng or concernyng the carryng, sendyng, or conuertynge ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, syluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde, or syluer, contrary to

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the Queenes licence. And also except, all suche persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence. And also all suche persons as haue obtayned & had licence to depart the Realme for a tyme, and nowe do abyde out of the Realme, without any lawfull excuse, after the tyme of their licence expired.

PORVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tendered or ought to sue liuery out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuerie, & liueries, out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of his or theyr manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, yf this Acte had neuer ben had ne made: Any article, thyng or thynges in this present Acte of generall and free pardon, compysed and specified to the contrary, notwithstanding. And also except out of this free pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons, wherof the correction and punishment doth appertayne to the order and iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Judge or court. And also except out of this pardon, all offences of coniuurations, witchcraftes, inchauntmentes, and forceries, committed or done contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

PROUIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtleгатum at the suite of the partie playntife, agaynst suche persons outlawed, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendantes to make aunswere to the plaintife or playntiffes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that euery person so outlawed, shal sue a writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe alowed to hym that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and euery suche person and persons, as before the sayde, xiiii. day of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe keepyng of any other person or persons, out of any ordinary pryson, by the Queenes Maiesties expresse order and commaundement, and whiche nowe be remaynyng and continuing in such custodie and keepyng. And also except out

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out of this pardon, all felonious takyng of any money, plate, bullion, or other thyng out of any part of the Queenes Maiesties house and court, where her hyghnesse is nowe resident, or where heretofore her Maiestie hath ben resident. And also except all forgyng and counterfaytyng of any money or coyne, currant within this Realme. And also except out of this generall and free pardon, one Henry Jackson, late of Martin Colledge in Oxforde.

God saue the Queene.

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